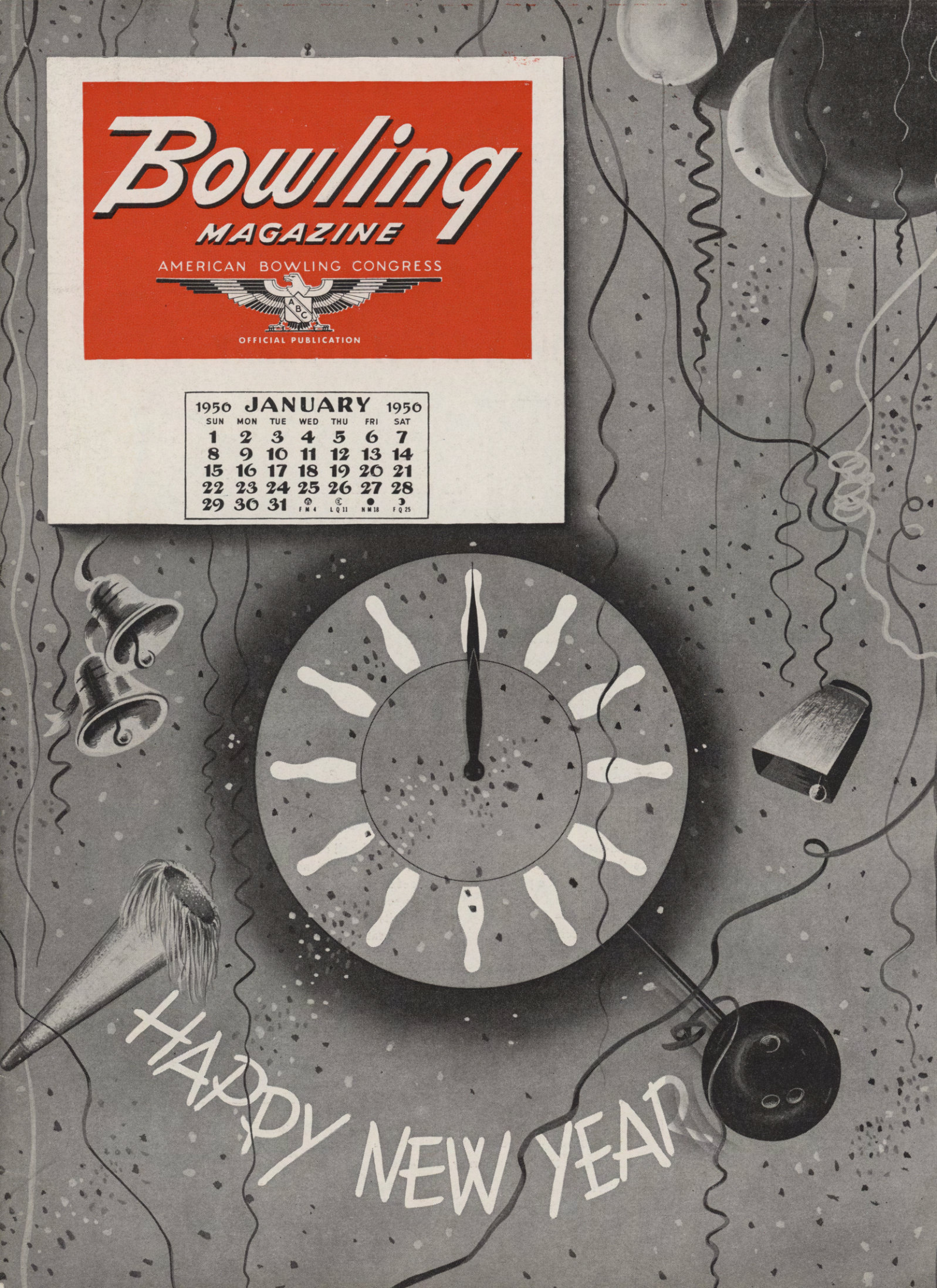
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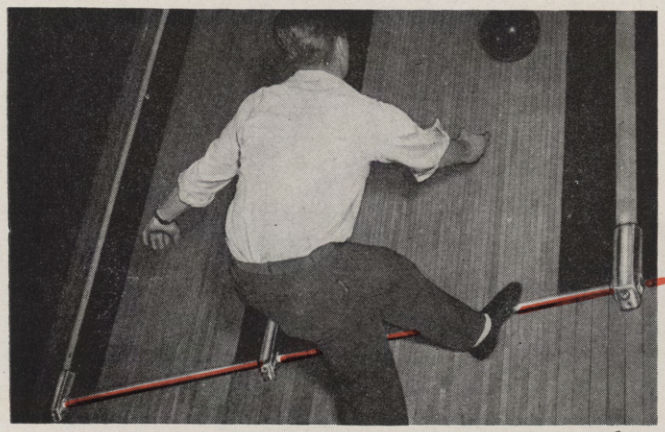

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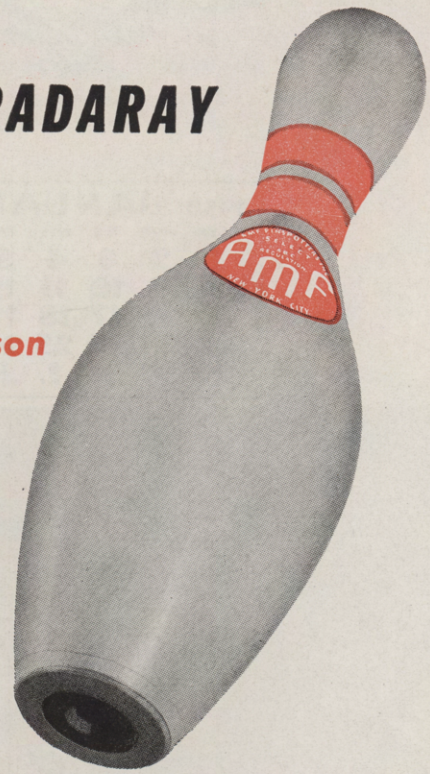

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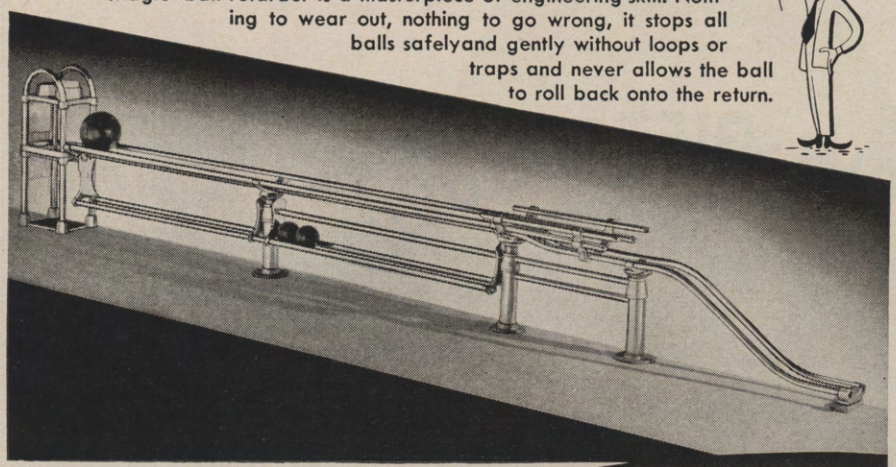

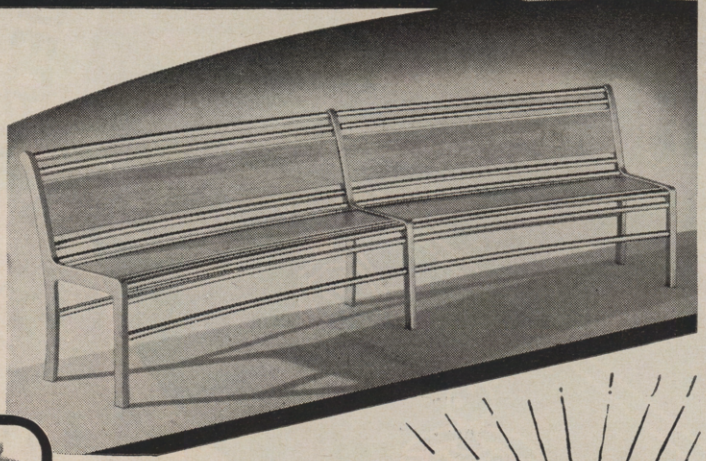

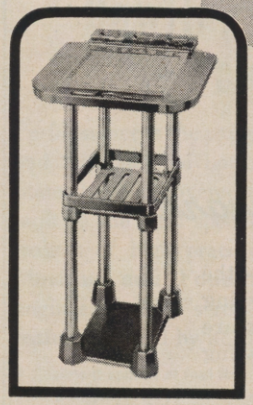

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In BOWLING Magazine's Triplicate column recently, you listed two bowlers, Butch Bergett and Anthony Brzesinski, as each rolling 258 triplicates at Syracuse, N.Y. 'Taint so. Butch and Anthony are one and the same person.

Many of the Polish fellows change their names to a little easier way of spelling. Then a Polish Home Community center was built, and the older Polish people insisted that the young gents should not be ashamed of their right names (they really weren't, anyway) and should use their Polish names when they bowled on the team.

Anthony (Bergett) Brzesinski's 258 triplicate was bowled on the Sacred Heart alleys at Syracuse in the 1928 season.

PAT CROWE
Liverpool, N.Y.

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THOSE 800 SERIES

In the November issue of BOWLING Magazine you printed the all-time national 800 roster. We found it good but inconsistent.

Charley Daw's name was not in the lineup. Didn't he bowl two 300 games and a 201 for 801? Also, Hank Marino bowled 832 and not 833—two 300 games with a 232 in the middle.

JOHN T. HINTZ
Milwaukee, Wis.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The roster referred to appeared in the 700 Club column. It listed the 800 series of the men who belonged to the 700 Club and excluded nonmember 800's. There was a typographical error in the case of Marino's total which was, as you say, John, 832.

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VERY NICE TIMING

I feel that your handling of George T. Christopher, president of the Packard Motor Car Co., in your "America Bowls" column was in excellent style. And, certainly, the timing couldn't have been better. If I may explain, Mr. Christopher's retirement from his Packard post is to take place at the end of the year. Many thanks.

SYDNEY J. KEITH
Public Relations
Packard Motor Car Co.

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NEW COLUMN HITS

Congratulations on your new feature, "What The Boys in The Star Leagues Are Doing." It's a corker and very timely. Especially for a guy like me who's been around those spots and who's acquainted with many of the boys. The column will be an outstanding feature in BOWLING Magazine for bowlers everywhere. Now they can see who's who and have a clear picture of what's going on in every neck of the bowling woods.

PHIL BALI
New York, N.Y.

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LOOKS FORWARD TO IT

Each month I look forward to receiving BOWLING Magazine and read it from cover to cover. Although I am presently recuperating from a major spinal operation, I am secretary and treasurer of the Sears leagues (men and women) of the Grand Avenue store and store editor of the "Grapevine," a monthly Sears publication. I've made it my business to see that each publication contains bowling news, some items copied from BOWLING Magazine.

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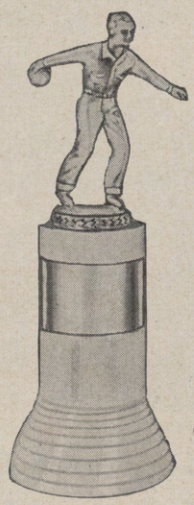

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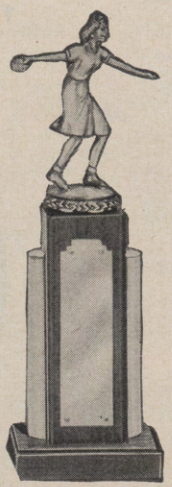

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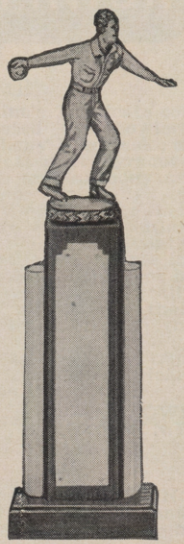

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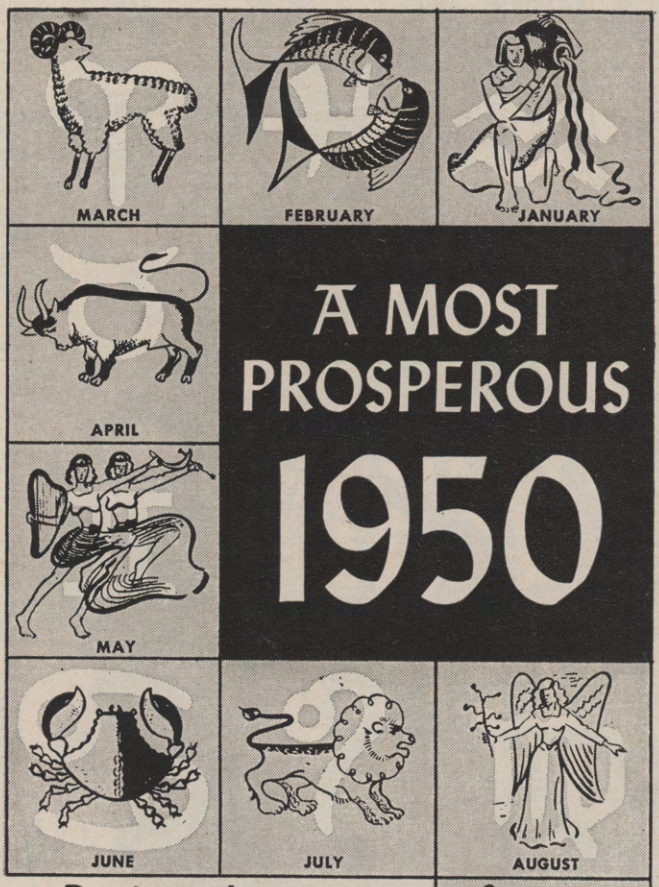

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Members of the Met leading Buddy Lee Clothes team are (left) Clark Pierson, Astoria, N.Y.; Ed Niederhaus, Bayonne, N.J.; Ralph Serpico, Philadelphia; Viny Yettito, Port Chester, N.Y., and Bill Bleekman, Brooklyn.

It's the second season of bowling together for most of the members of the Buddy Lee Clothes.

One change was made in this year's lineup when Roy Nielsen was forced to quit because of a sore shoulder. Ralph Serpico, a wrong side bowler from Philadelphia, moved here and "saved" the lineup.

If Serpico hadn't come along, Pat McDonough, bowling editor of the World-Telegram, might have had to drag his arm and ball out of the mothballs.

The team has clicked since its very start. Recently it won the National Left-Handed eliminations at Cleveland, bringing home a trophy, $1,000 and a 12-game total of 10,775. It will roll last year's southpaw titleholders, Cecil Ward's men, for the title. The Detroit quintet finished third in the eliminations with 10,575—only a few sticks behind the Buddy Lees—so it is bound to be a nice match. The Traveler's Inn, Port Clinton, Ohio, was second with 10,581.

Members of the Lees team have been better than ordinary southpaw bowlers, and they've improved by bowling together. Some of them claim that they profit by watching each other's ball, something they couldn't do when they were lone lefties on a right handed team.

Rolls Dutch 200 Game

Detroit, Mich.—Walter Briggs, a member of the Detroit Retail Druggist league, recently rolled a Dutch 200 game, the first one in Detroit this season.

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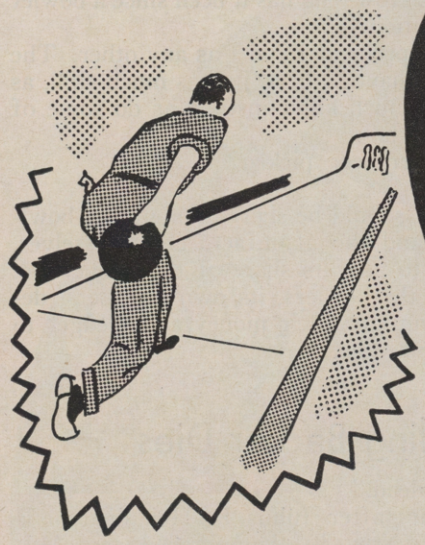

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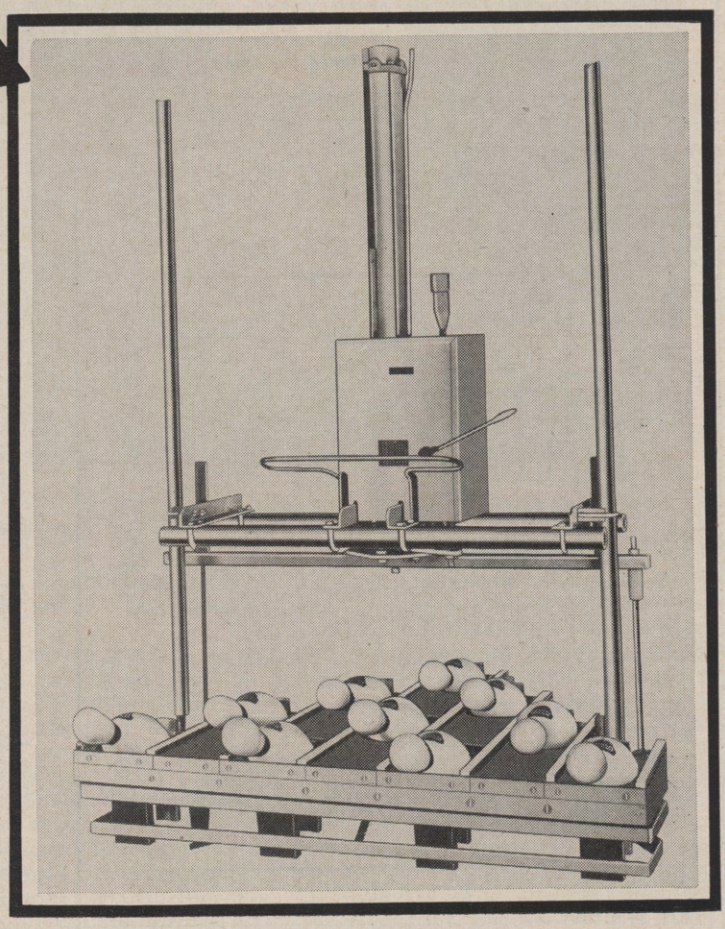

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Why hasn't a bowler been picked?

Whose fault?

Probably the blame should be shared among the bowlers, the proprietors and the manufacturers themselves. The ABC is willing to take its share of the blame, too. The ABC feels that the bowlers, its own members, deserve a little better run for their money and pledges to beat a few drums, if need be.

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A Great Bowling Backer Dies

"Governor Heil is dead."

Within a few hours after Julius P. Heil died on a pheasant hunting trip Nov. 30, that phrase swept Milwaukee, his home, and the whole state of Wisconsin.

Actually, Julius Heil had not been governor of Wisconsin since 1943. But everyone remembered the millionaire-industrialist as "Governor Heil," and they remembered him as a sponsor of many bowling teams, one of them the Heil Quality Products team, once tops in the nation. He himself was a southpaw bowler and a participant in several ABC tournaments.

Outside of Wisconsin, Julius Heil was known as the governor who boosted Wisconsin's fishing, hunting and its fine cheeses. He was a photogenic, lovable man who loved German "gemütlichkeit"—a modern caliph in every sense of the world.

Wisconsin and the whole bowling world will miss him.

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Shirt Trouble

A certain league in Milwaukee is having bowling trouble —and wife trouble.It's all because of their bowling shirts.

If a member shows up without his league shirt he's fined 25c, and everyone would like to leave them at home. They are much too heavy and they require special washing technique.

It takes friend wife 20 minutes to iron one. She gets mad. In fact, some of the wives have agreed to pay the fines if their husbands will quit wearing the shirts. Anything to get rid of that shirt! The wives claim that the committee selecting the shirts were bachelors or untrained husbands.

Come to think of it, we wonder if any of the shirt boys ever tried ironing one of these new, heavier shirts. There are thousands of women who would like to see them do it.

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BVL Helps Veterans

The Bowlers Victory Legion has contributed $1,000 to the Blinded Veterans association and is sending 6,000 copies of the Quarterback Magazine and the Sporting News to 133 VA hospitals.

Funds for BVL come from the bowlers of the nation, and thus far this season 126 communities have sent $10,855 to BVL headquarters, 1420 New York Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

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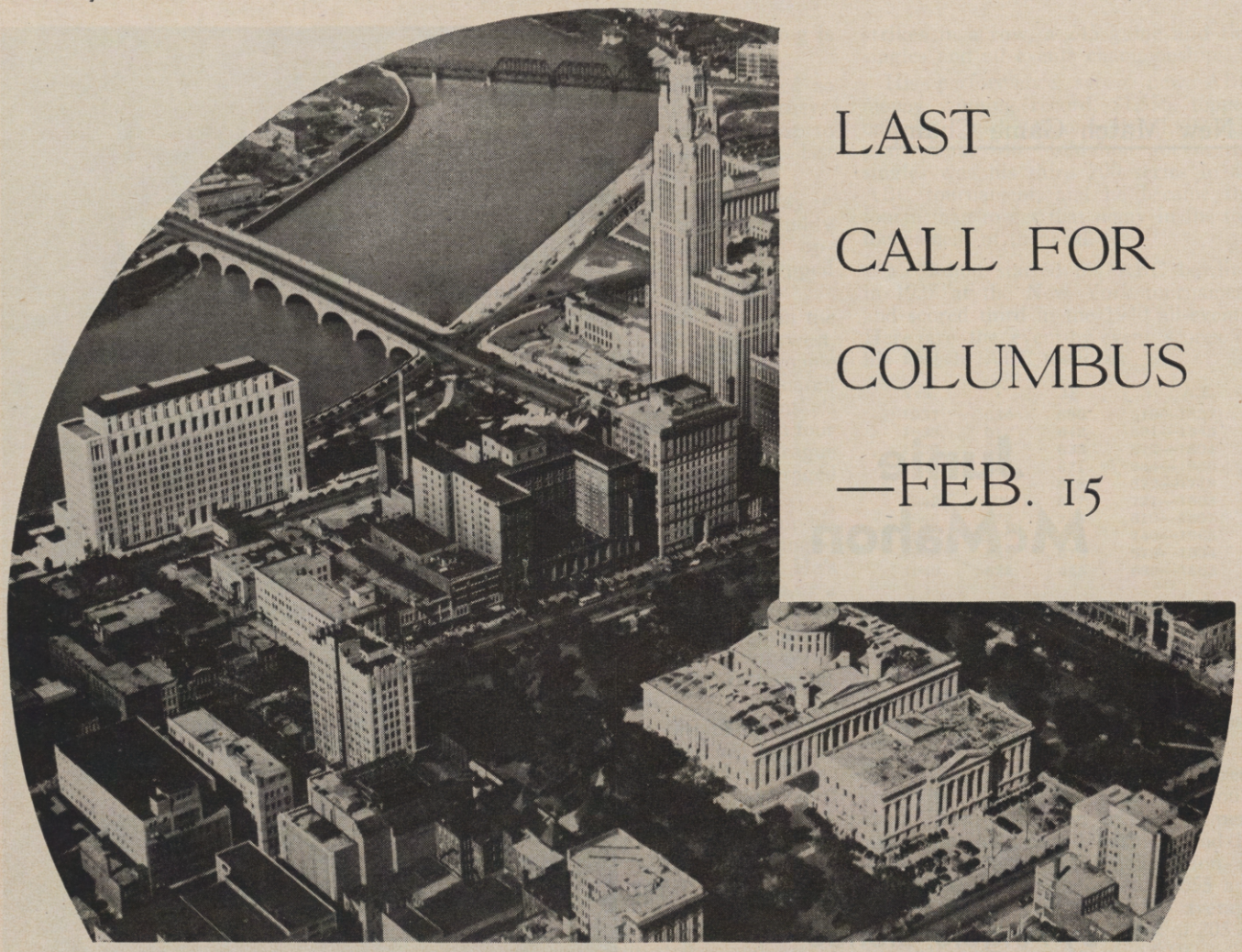

LAST CALL FOR COLUMBUS —FEB. 15

By Charlie Treuter
ABC Tournament Director

Columbus, Ohio — Another three days have been added to the 1950 American Bowling Congress tournament to make room for a total of 5,220 teams.

Those 5,220 teams make the 47th annual jamboree the seventh largest. Back in 1901 at the first tournament, 41 teams marched to the foul line.

The three day extension—it's the second in two months—makes the final date for the team event Tuesday, June 13. Minor event bowling ends on June 14. A total of 216 more teams will be scheduled in the three extra days.

There will be 3,800 teams in the regular division and about 1,140 in the booster division (for teams with a combined average of 850 and under), according to Joe Smolen, ABC tournament reservation manager.

The 1950 ABC tournament will make a serious bid to exceed all previous tournaments in radio and television coverage. At a recent gathering of ten sports commentators from Columbus stations, it was predicted that at least three programs will originate from the Coliseum each day. Television programs are in the making, and there probably will be several shows each week. A radio and television booth will be provided for the convenience of bowlers and spectators.

Although the tournament will be in seventh place as far as size is concerned there is a good possibility it will rate No. 2 in the prize list. With the Congress in complete charge of the event, savings have been effected in operational costs. And the prize list is expected to reach $400,000 and near Detroit's record breaking mark of $410,958, set in 1948. The Motor City also holds the record for the largest number of entries, a total of 7,348 five man teams, set in the same year, when the event ran a total of 80 days.

The 1950 tourney runs for 61 days, starting on Saturday, Apr. 15.

Smolen pointed out, after his schedule meeting in Columbus, that space was available for some regular teams during the late days of the tournament.

He also expects that few vacancies will be available on other dates after the Jan. 6 deadline for paying fees on reservations. The final day for entries is Feb. 15. The Columbus Coliseum is under lease until July 1, and the Congress will take care of all teams if they will accept late dates.

Booster teams, especially those in the Columbus area, have some desirable dates open, including Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day, May 30. Because of earlier commitments by the Columbus Convention Bureau, hotel accommodations are not available to visiting bowlers on certain days. These days have been set aside for booster team competition. Teams accepting these dates must make an additional trip to Columbus if members want to compete in doubles and singles. The spaces are available at the 1950 ABC Tournament headquarters, Room 305, Deshler-Wallick hotel, Columbus 15, Ohio.

The Columbus Bowling association has voted to award trophies to the booster team with the highest three game ABC total and its sponsor. These awards are in addition to Congress medals and trophies that go to the top three teams in this section for the entire tournament. The CBA trophies are limited to members of that organization.

Frank Hamilton, president of the CBA, appointed Frank Daugherty, publicity chairman for the 1950 ABC tournament committee, to obtain ideas from members of the organization for naming the trophies.

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New Match Game Champ

Junie McMahon

By Angelo Biondo
Chicago Daily News

WHAT MAKES a great bowler? Powerful ball? Skill? Accuracy? Courage? All of those things. But more, too. Not any one or all of those possessions can explain Junie McMahon's vault to fame with his compelling victory last month in the ninth All Star tournament at Chicago.

McMahon has a powerful ball. He is skillful and accurate. And his courage can not be denied. But hundreds of other bowlers have the same championship qualifications.

Why, then, is McMahon the new match game champion? Why did he win that tough 100 game grind? What has he got?

Maybe the answer lies in a study of his record in the past 13 years. That record proves that he:

1. Possesses an all consuming desire to win.
2. Never gets discouraged, no matter what the odds, and the odds against him have been terrific sometimes.
3. Although he starts slowly, he has that dramatic ability to catch fire, to become an inspired bowler.

The 37-year-old McMahon has "got hot" many times and in many places. He is at his best in a match game, but he also has racked up this kind of a record:

1. The singles and all events championships in the 1947 ABC.
2. A 10 year ABC average record of 206.69.
3. The ninth All Star championship.

Each of those triumphs follows a pattern, the McMahon pattern of victory. They tell of his deliberation, his slow starts, his ability to finish hard and strong. They tell of the will to win possessed by this 5 foot 11, 190 pound Holland Dutch-Irishman.

Bowling is full of men who have caught fire in one tournament. But McMahon has done it three times—he had to "catch" more than once to establish that ABC average—and he still has the stuff to do it again and again.

Perhaps the "why" of this champion can be found buried somewhere in his past. Let's examine it.

Junie McMahon's first name really is James. So was his father's, and for many years the youngster was called "Junior." He didn't like it, but gradually as he grew more powerful and made a bowling name for himself, the Junior was turned into "June" and then "Junie."

McMahon was born and reared in Lodi, N.J. He started bowling at 17, and he grew up in an atmosphere of pot game shooting. He might not have been a bowler at all if the St. Francis de Salas church of Lodi had not decided to install four alleys in the basement of the church. That created something of a mild sensation in the small industrial town, and bowling fever swept the men.

The church never was prosperous enough to afford a full time alley manager, so trustees of the church took their turns as manager. McMahon's father was a trustee, and took his turn. On his father's nights of duty, the youngster would urge him to open up early. Then, before the bowlers arrived, Junior McMahon would practice bowling—as hard and as fast as he could.

It is doubtful that there ever was another champion bowler who learned the game by setting his own pins. Yes, that is the way Junior McMahon operated on those nights that his father was manager of the church alleys.

He would run into the pits, set up the pins on their pegs (they still do in some sections of the east), rush back to

Mrs. McMahon got to touch the $2,000 first prize check as her husband received the All Star trophy from Charles Bartlett, of the Chicago Tribune.

the approaches and fire balls across the four alleys, then race back into the pits and respot the pins.

Junior McMahon had one big advantage over the other young fellows in Lodi. He had an undeniable natural athletic ability, smooth coordination of muscles and mind and rhythmic timing. Although he was on the frail side, he averaged 185 in his first year.

He soon was drawn into match games that played so big a part in Lodi bowling. He won often. Once a town hot-shot, a powerful man who threw a "cannon ball," took on that "little McMahon boy." Junior beat him five straight. Infuriated, the man worked on the boy with his fists, and Junie came out of it with two black eyes.

"I repaid that fellow a few years later when I got bigger," McMahon recalls now with a grin.

That would be about the time that "Junior" became "Junie."

At the end of his third year of bowling, McMahon was averaging 200. He was hardly out of his teens before he began knocking off eastern titles.

McMahon had been a star sandlot pitcher with a couple of no-hit games to his credit, and it was baseball that changed his bowling arm. One day he was playing right field, and he made a vicious snap throw to catch a runner at first. He twisted his right elbow in such a way that he never to this day has been able to straighten it completely. The injury made his delivery a little different, but did not harm it.

Later, when he was working as a shipping clerk, McMahon broke a knuckle on his right hand. That injury so weakened the hand that he had to shift from a two finger to a three finger ball.

"That didn't make any difference to my average either," McMahon recalled.

McMahon is a soft spoken, seldom spoken guy. Newsmen who have besieged him after each of his victories have found themselves interviewing themselves. He figures his bowling pretty well speaks for itself.

For instance, he's scored six 300 games and a tremendous 824 series in league competition. In 1940 there was the New York State all events championship, taken with a 2043.

The man-to-man type of bowling is McMahon's dish.

That may be why he has looked so good in at least two All Star tourneys. Back in 1946, he came very close to winning the title which he got last month.

McMahon went into the last day in first place. But Semo Stavich, Buddy Bomar and Freddie Bujack, his opponents, got strike happy and flopped him into third place.

There wasn't much left to win in the east, when Junie McMahon moved west, to Chicago, in 1945. He bowled a couple of years with Joe Wilman's Monarch Beers, then shifted to Paul Krumske's Meister Braus, his present team. In four seasons of tough Chicago Classic league competition, McMahon has averaged 204.

By 1947, McMahon was ready for his first big tenpin honor, the ABC singles and all events championship. He's not nearly the team man that he is as a lone wolf—perhaps the pace is too slow—and he started with a 576 team score. Then he cracked a 649 in the doubles, and finished with a great 740 in the singles.

You could see that certain something in McMahon's eyes in the last game of that singles series. If he'd been in the prize ring, the writers would have called it "killer instinct." Whatever it was, here's what happened: He'd started with 247 and 248. Then, in the third game he began with three spares and an open fame. If he was going to win the singles championship, he'd have to collect at least seven straight strikes and get at least eight pins on his last ball.

McMahon threw three strikes, four, five. Then as he was about to release his ball on the sixth try, a pin boy rapped a pin on the kickbacks of Junie's alley. It was like a shot to his concentration, and a flash of anger crossed McMahon's face. But the release was perfect, and he got his sixth strike. Then he sent two more into the 1-3 pocket for eight strikes in a row, a 245 game and the singles and all events championships.

His performance set a new ABC money winning record, $1,556, topped only by Chuck O'Donnell's $1,809 last year. That 740 McMahon got in the singles was his third 700 series in an ABC tournament, and he became the fourth man to get that many in the top tournament of them all.

McMahon started his ABC bowling in 1937 at the New York tournament and scored third in the 1940 all-events. Here are the event-by-event scores of his first 10 ABC tourneys:

Year	T	D	S A.E.
1937	634	586	619—1837
1938	612	642	591—1845
1939	599	633	572—1804
1940	625	671	684—1980
1941	589	618	572—1779
1942	499	577	727—1803
1946	572	706	619—1897
1947	576	649	740—1965
1948	582	673	579—1834
1949	528	655	680—1863

McMahon went into his tenth ABC at Atlantic City last year, assured of at least a 204 average no matter how badly he shot. He had to roll only 1780 to tie Joe Bodis, of Cleveland, who held the record for over a decade with a 90 game average of 205.76.

McMahon opened his try for the record with a 528, a low total that would have stopped a lot of men. The next afternoon, he was all business and he gave another great demonstration of stretch bowling with series of 655 and 680. Those boosted the record average 83 pins—from Bodis' old mark of 205.76 to McMahon's new one of 206.69.

McMahon was not only trying to erase the Bodis mark. He was seeking to set it so high that Joe Wilman, his former captain and teammate, couldn't touch it. He succeeded. The next day, Wilman fell six pins short with 206.63.

That record breaking performance of McMahon stamps him as a toughie.

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The McMahons had hardly reached home when the fan mail started arriving.

McMahon Tops Field

All Star Winner

By Eli Whitney

At top, Junie McMahon receives the congratulations of Ralph Smith, runner-up, as big Connie Schwoegler, last year's champion, smiles his approval. Bottom, McMahon poses with Mrs. Marion Ladewig of Grand Rapids, Mich., who won the Women's All Star.

Final Standings

	W.	L.	Pins	Pts.	Ave.
Junie McMahon, Chi.	44	19	13,712	318	214
Ralph Smith, Los Angeles	37	27	13,517	307	211
Lee Jouglard, Det.	37	27	13,382	304	209
Buddy Bomar, Chi.	37	27	13,233	301	206
Fred Bujack, Det.	37	26	13,164	301	205
Chet Bukowski, Det.	38	26	13,124	300	205
Con Schwoegler, Mad.	32	31	13,048	293	203
Andy Varipapa, N.Y.	31	33	13,000	291	203
Chuck O'Donnell, Det.	28	36	13,132	290	205
Pete Carter, Det.	27	36	13,030	288	203
Wm. Lillard, Dallas	28	35	12,928	287	202
Joe Norris, Chi.	27	37	12,971	286	202
Ed Easter, Det.	24	40	12,916	283	201
Tony Sparando, N.Y.	25	38	12,857	282	200
Rudy Pugel, Milw.	29	35	12,658	282	198
Chas. Johnson, Bayonne	28	36	12,503	278	195

McMahon, Bujack, Schwoegler, Carter, Lillard, Sparando had tie games (½) not shown above.

Junie McMahon is the new national match game champion. The dour Chicago Irish-Dutchman won the All Star crown on Dec. 11.

McMahon was the best in the field of 16 finalists. These men rolled 64 games in a round robin on a Petersen point system basis, and McMahon simply was the toughest and the steadiest.

When McMahon needed a strike or two to knock off a game, he took a little more care in getting set, aimed a few seconds longer and he had himself a strike and another victory.

McMahon's 214 pace, the second best in the nine All Star tournaments, was too hot to handle. He was so good that there were some of the spectators who were willing to award him the title after the middle of the third day of the competition.

This would have displeased this spectacular show's sponsors, the Chicago Tribune Charities and the Bowling Proprietor's Association of America.

And it also would have cheated some million television fans out of a look-see, the first at an All Star for many of them. Besides, it would have prevented Ralph Smith, the Los Angeles pin thumper, from displaying his spirited upsurge into second place on the very last squad.

Perhaps the claim of 1,000,000 television fans is too modest. There is no doubt, though, that this bowling contest played to the greatest number of spectators in the history of tenpins.

Television followers of the match, many of whom had never seen star class bowling, were amazed at the ease with which McMahon clouted the pins. A typical TV-er observation was:

"Why does Mr. McMahon's ball nearly always knock down all the pins, while the other boys don't have so much luck?"

The TV group was not alone in asking these two pertinent questions.

Some of Junie's opponents also were bothered by the consistency of his pocket hits. They did not marvel over the effectiveness of the McMahon ball. It always has been noted for its sharpness.

The new champion is a slow starter, and he was in this tournament, too. In the opening squad of the preliminaries, McMahon fired 1133 to tie for 72nd place, a far cry from the 14th position necessary to enter the finals where the real blood letting takes place.

On the next day he improved his position a little with an 1186 total for 55th spot. He fell off the pace on the third day with 1169 and found himself a long way from home—80th place.

Some bowlers would have quit. But that dogged Holland Dutch-Irish ancestry of McMahon wouldn't let him even think of it. So what would you expect him to do on the fourth day? He did it with 1284, good for 23rd place.

McMahon still had to sneak under 14th, and on the final day he did it. He rolled 1329 and 1226 and became the fourth highest qualifier.

His total for the 36 games was 7326, an average of 203.

When McMahon turned loose in the finals—the round robin phase of the play—he was in his element. He took no chances. He won 44 games and averaged 214.

McMahon's triumph was no flash in the pan. He was no dark horse. In fact dark horses don't have too good a chance in this 100 game grind that they call the All Star.

McMahon knows what it's all about. He learned back in the 1946 marathon when, with three matches to go, he slid from first to third place.

This year he protected himself with an amazing margin of points. He wasn't tired, and he wasn't worried. His delivery was rhythmic. He didn't waste energy. It took an awful lot to make him smile. Of course, a few bad breaks always will arouse him to a mild display of temper—never enough, however, to upset his smooth delivery.

Junie's appearance in the winner's circle, to borrow a race track expression, came at a most opportune time.

In the first eight All Stars the titles had been parceled out to only six men who, for the most part, have been hugging the limelight in these competitions, even when they are not winning them.

Joe Wilman, Ned Day and Johnny Crimmins were unable to qualify. Varipapa, two-time winner, was in eighth spot, one slot lower than Connie Schwoegler, Madison, another two-time victor and defending champion.

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How the 14 Qualifiers Reached the Finals

	1st day Pos. 6g	2nd day Pos. 6g T'tl	3rd day Pos. 6g T'tl	4th day Pos. 6g T'tl	Semifinals (12 games Pos. 6g 6g T'tl
Bukowski	(35)–1152	(24)–1218–2370	(11)–1263–3633	(5)–1230–4863	(1)–1256–1282–7401
O'Donnell	(12)–1215	(1)–1294–2509	(6)–1147–3656	(5)–1224–4880	(2)–1241–1263–7384
Sparando	(2)–1264	(5)–1184–2448	(1)–1294–3742	(2)–1194–4936	(3)–1157–1247–7340
McMahon	(72)–1133	(55)–1186–2319	(80)–1169–3438	(23)–1283–4771	(4)–1329–1226–7326
Bujack	(25)–1186	(4)–1264–2450	(7)–1186–3636	(4)–1258–4894	(5)–1222–1209–7325
Lillard	(1)–1306	(8)–1134–2440	(2)–1285–3725	(1)–1234–4959	(6)–1133–1229–7321
Carter	(47)–1157	(30)–1193–2350	(22)–1223–3573	(25)–1185–4758	(7)–1249–1283–7290
Norris	(11)–1215	(25)–1153–2368	(14)–1248–3616	(3)–1318–4934	(8)–1151–1193–7278
Bomar	(19)–1195	(11)–1226–2421	(26)–1136–3557	(44)–1146–4703	(9)–1231–1301–7235
Smith	(31)–1173	(36)–1178–2351	(20)–1230–3581	(14)–1217–4798	(10)–1203–1223–7224
Johnson	(17)–1202	(9)–1224–2426	(8)–1210–3636	(6)–1229–4865	(11)–1143–1207–7215
Easter	(13)–1214	(7)–1230–2444	(15)–1163–3607	(10)–1241–4848	(12)–1179–1177–7204
Pugel	(99)–1096	(67)–1185–2281	(36)–1241–3522	(22)–1250–4772	(13)–1203–1221–7196
Jouglard	(66)–1115	(44)–1227–2342	(17)–1252–3594	(17)–1187–4781	(14)–1126–1288–7195

The following are names and scores of men who fell short of the qualifying mark of 7195 by the margin of a spare:

Joe Cerniglia, Rockford, Ill. 7193
Frank Matava, St. Louis 7191
Buzz Fazio, Detroit 7189
Stanley Slomenski, Newark, N.J. 7188
Chuck Hamilton, Gary, Ind. 7188
Jack Reuther, Martins Ferry, O. 7186
Andy Grilli, Milwaukee 7184

Varipappa beat Schwoegler, 7350-7220, during Prelims

Toledo, Ohio—The Toledo Bowling Association recently conducted a bowlers charity drive in which all money collected will be divided between the Cancer Fund, March of Dimes and the Bowler's Victory Legion.

The latter organization, operated by the National Bowling Council, of which ABC is a member, provides recreation equipment for disabled war veterans in government hospitals.

The quota was 50c a man.

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Trenton, N. J.—The Mercer County Bowling association recently subscribed to BOWLING Magazine for all 18 of its officers, committeemen and life members.

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Los Angeles, Calif.—This city association's largest bowling league is the 40 team Insurance circuit, and it's starting its 11th season. Bobby Robertson, famous U.S.C. footballer, is a member and handles his bowling ball as adeptly as he did the Michigan gridders here two Rose Bowls ago.

The oldest Los Angeles pin loop is the Steamship league, now in its 22nd season.

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Waukegan, Ill.—The Waukegan Bowling association annually conducts a campaign to aid Lake county's crippled children. During the past two seasons it collected $3,142.

On Nov. 20 the opening gun in the drive netted $338 when Milwaukee and Chicago bowlers visited Waukegan and staged an

Center of attraction was Dick Crenshaw, one of the crippled youngsters for whom the Waukegan benefit was put on. Left to right are Mayor Robert E. Coulson, Bede Armstrong, president of the Lake County Crippled Children's Aid association; William Johnson, chairman of the bowlers' drive for the children's fund; Bob O'Farrell, a proprietor and former baseball star, and Gunnar Berg, president of the Waukegan association.

exhibition. The Milwaukee team, composed of Elmer Koch (687), Les Strachota (591), Ray Schanen (618), Russ Gersonde (703) and Hank Marino (679) rolled a 3278 total.

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Albert Lea, Minn.—Every league treasurer here has been bonded by the ABC. It's the first time that the association has been 100% bonded.

Seek to Improve ABC Rules

Proposed Amendments

AMERICANS like change. They like to pass laws to make things work better.

Members of the American Bowling Congress have this same creative and corrective urge.

This was proved on Dec. 1, deadline for submission of amendments to the ABC's "law" books. By midnight of this important date all the proposals were in the home office of ABC. They will be acted upon by officers and delegates at the ABC convention in the Deshler-Wallick hotel at Columbus, Ohio, on May 12.

Three amendments concerning conventions and tournaments have been received:

1. Redefining the value of an ABC delegate's vote.
2. Clarifying the acceptance date of entries for tournaments.
3. Specification of qualifications of those eligible to be appointed on the nominating committee.

The first of these proposals urges that a delegate be given one vote for each 100 teams he represents. His maximum vote, of course, would be five because he may represent a maximum of only 500 teams.

The rule on accepting entries in a sanctioned tournament has been misinterpreted in a few cases, and the amendment is simply a clarification to eliminate the possibility of a tournament secretary's accepting entries after the advertised closing date for entries.

An amendment treating with the substitution of players while league games are in progress covers two important points:

1. It recommends that a substitution be allowed at any time as in other sports.
2. Restricts recognition of individual high score in the game where such a substitution is made.

Several changes have been suggested in the physical specifications of equipment:

1. Making gutters slightly shallower.
2. Permit use of fiber strips at edges of pin deck.
3. Permit a slight rounding of the sharp edge of the base of the pin.
4. Slight increase in thickness of the fiber plate on the kickbacks.
5. Require facilities for manual foul calling if automatic devices are not working.
6. Creating specifications for plastic pin bases.
7. Specifications for the installation of a system of targets on the alley bed.

Raising the gutters and increasing the thickness of the fiber plates are suggested as a means of offsetting tougher scoring conditions produced by the new type alley finishes.

The fiber edgeboards at the pit should have no effect other than to save periodic replacement of these boards, which are subject to a lot of wear because of pin action off the kickbacks. Rounding of the pin base is aimed at increasing its longevity.

Several changes are being sought relative to tournament competition:

1. Permitting city associations to rerate a bowler's league average for tournament competition. This is aimed at bowlers whose league averages are not compatible with their tournament records.
2. Allow associations with less than 300 teams to accept team entries in their city tournaments without regard to the number of men on a team who may have competed together on other teams in the tournament.
3. Permit associations to expand the "two-or-more" rule for the team event into the doubles and singles events.

The present rule governing participation more than once in the five-man event of a city tournament allows only two players to compete together more than once. The amendment would lift this restriction in associations under 300 teams.

Two of the proposals are the reports of special committees appointed to prepare amendments on the following:

1. Ways and means of implementing individual membership.
2. Sanctioning of singles and doubles tournaments.

Individual membership, adopted in the 1949 convention at Atlantic City, is being tried in field tests at St. Louis, Mo.; Fond du Lac, Wis., and Belvidere, Ill.

The sanctioning of doubles and singles tournaments has long been discussed. With the advent of individual membership, the demand for sanctioning these events will be even greater and a special committee was appointed to investigate and report on the possibilities of extending Congress services and high score protection to these events.

Several interesting league rule changes have been advocated:

1. Making it mandatory that a team receiving three victories by forfeit must roll the three games under supervision of a league official.
2. Team requesting a postponement must roll games either a week earlier or two weeks later than scheduled date. Opponent may bowl with them or on scheduled date. In latter case, scores would be compared.

Here are two of the most important rule alterations relative to city associations:

1. Clarifying voting strength rule of the league representative at city association meetings and urging that they vote on basis of teams they represent.
2. Making a mandatory transfer of records and property as well as audit of books with change of city association officers.

A number of interesting changes have been recommended in state tournaments and associations:

1. Permitting bowlers to compete in two state tournaments if eligible.
2. Making it optional for state associations to duplicate awards in case of ties rather than conduct a rolloff.

The latter provision is prompted by economy and practicality and was suggested by a Texas member where distance is a problem.

Two suggested changes relative to the ABC tournament have been made:

1. Revision of present method of granting reservations.
2. Limiting booster teams to the host state and from areas in adjacent states within 250 miles of the host city.

There are several other amendments involving changes of words, clarifications which have been left out because of space demands.

All amendments will appear in full in the April issue.

America Bowls

You've undoubtedly seen the big red faced guy boom out base hits in major league baseball parks. Maybe you were in Chicago's Wrigley Field that late fall afternoon in 1938 when he belted his famous in-the-dark homer which pushed the Cubs to a National league pennant.

Now you ought to see him bowl. He's terrific.

Charles Leo "Gabby" Hartnett, former Cub manager-catcher, loves his bowling. He competes in three leagues and he averages 193 in each.

Every baseball fan knows Gabby's baseball record—a lifetime .300 hitter, a natural catcher and a great handler of pitchers. But what about his bowling record? Gabby rolled 617 in his first ABC in 1938 and 606 in his second at Detroit in 1940. He has hit three 700 series, and has a high game of 297. Even in golf, he's a pretty good man—a low 70 hitter.

Gabby began bowling tenpins on Catalina Island on his first Cub training trip there.. He did it as a conditioner and liked it so well that he adopted bowling as his No. 2 sport. He was first a duckpin bowler in Woonsocket, R.I., where he was born Dec. 20, 1900. Now he operates Gabby Hartnett's Recreation in Chicago's suburban Lincolnwood.

Gabby says his greatest bowling thrill came last May when he helped his Rec team beat Keeley Half & Half three straight to tie up Chicago's North End race.

"Bowling gives me the camaraderie of baseball," Gabby says. "Fun and recreation—that's what bowling is doing for me."

"Precision work is the most tiresome and aggravating task in the world," says B. F. Anderson, general manager of Remington Rand's plant in Elmira, N.Y.

"This is one reason why I have always backed the bowling movement in our plant, the largest typewriter and office equipment manufacturing plant in the world. In 25 years I've seen bowling grow from a few teams to 64 in our own plant leagues, with possibly a thousand other individuals bowling in outside leagues.

"Delicate, nerve wracking work develops nerves. And bowling, particularly for the middle aged workers, gives them some fun, highly necessary change of pace and exercise which brings them back to their tasks with eyes shining and nerves and muscles thoroughly rested."

Anderson has been a strong advocate of bowling within the plant, and there are six alleys there.

Anderson has been a faithful bowler himself—he once boasted a 180 average—but today he gets more fun out of watching the others around him perform.

"My association with our bowlers is a source of great satisfaction to me," Anderson says. "This activity, with its friendly competition, does much to help promote good morale and better understanding among all of us."

Curiosity might have killed that famed cat, but it has brought nothing but fame and fortune to Art Linkletter, whose "People Are Funny" is one of the nation's top radio shows. The quipmaster's insatiable curiosity about humans also is responsible for his recent entry into the bowling business as owner of the plush LaCienega Hollywood Lanes.

Linkletter long has been a student of human nature. He was amazed to find out why bowlers liked to bowl. Then after he tried it years ago, he was astounded to find that he liked it, too. He visited some of the Hollywood spots and became curious about how it would be to own one of these places himself. So Art became a proprietor.

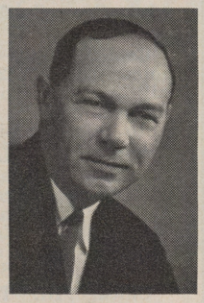
Linkletter now is learning that "bowlers are funny" and he likes them. Due to his two radio shows (the other one is "House Party") plus some movie work, Linkletter really doesn't do much around his new place. But the spot has become a mecca for movie stars, and Betty Grable and her husband, Harry James; Paula Stone, Donald O'Connor and others visit and bowl there regularly.

As proof that bowling is democratic, spectators and bowlers never pester the stars for autographs or otherwise bother them.

"I must keep in trim, and besides I'm learning that bowling is sometimes funnier than people—particularly that darned 10 pin," Linkletter says.

UNUSUAL LEAGUES

Houston, Tex.—Bowling is an important part of the recreational life of the Houston First Methodist church, reputed to be the largest Methodist church in the world with its 8,000 members.



Mr. Verheyden

Eight years ago, the Rev. Clyde J. Verheyden, an athlete himself, was seeking a way to bring the 1,500 men of the church into more friendly relationship with each other. There already was basketball, volleyball and softball for the youth, but nothing but haphazard golf for the adult men.

The bowling league the Rev. Verheyden started hasn't missed a session and has had a continuous growth. It now bowls every Monday night on 12 alleys of the Palace Recreation and every Tuesday night on 10 alleys. In the summertime, eight women's teams also bowl.

So far the bowlers have furnished two rooms of a new hospital which Houston Methodists are building.

Rules allow a three-fourths handicap and deduction of five pins from averages for absences and team extras; full averages; a spare man can bowl on any team if he has a league average; no team forfeits because teams are allowed to pick up as many spares as they need; three games qualify for an average.

The bowling year is split into two seasons, September to February and March to August. At the end of a season, winners in each league bowl a special match. There also is a once a year duck dinner, furnished by several of the duck hunting members of the church, at which awards are made. To add to the fun, bowlers have a chance of getting into three clubs—"Lucky 99," "Seclusive 225" and "Exclusive 250."

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St. Louis, Mo.—The Second Police District league, recently organized by Whitie Harris, himself a copper and a bowler, enjoys an enviable distinction.

It's one of the few leagues in the country that has two different times for its members to bowl: 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. on Thursdays. This had to be done to give the night and day policemen a chance to bowl. And they are allowed to change, too, in keeping with their assignments.

Capt. Chas. A. Busch wanted all the men in the district to get better acquainted, and he chose bowling as the vehicle for better inter-departmental relations.

Each bowler in the league wears a sponsor's shirt and each sponsor receives a monthly report on the doings of the boys in blue.

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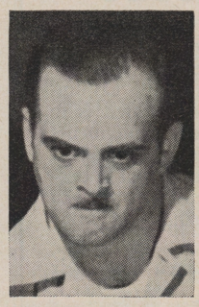
Detroit, Mich.—One of Detroit's strongest bowling leagues is the Masonic Major, a 16 team affair with all teams averaging well over the 900 mark. The teams are bowling under extremely stiff conditions. Despite this, there are 15 men averaging above 190 and 60 above 180.

"300" BOWLERS

1949 Gold Award Winners

CHRIS CARABELLO, Reading

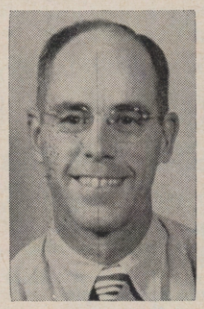
DON WOODARD, Indianapolis



EMIL WANSA, Detroit

TED MITCHELL, Glenn Ellyn, Ill.

Chris Carabello, Reading, Pa., a 2-year bowler, rolled 300 on Oct. 13. He had worked unusually late that day and was tired. He opened with 161 and 154. In the 4th he said: "If I don't get a 200 game, I'll quit bowling". Should he quit? He didn't roll a 200 game, did he? . . . **Don Woodard** of Indianapolis, a 201 bowler, shot 300 on Oct. 11. Only one Brooklyn strike, too . . . **Emil Wansa,** Detroit star who won the Petersen Classic last spring, hit his 300 on Oct. 25 . . . **Ted Mitchell,** Glen Ellyn, Ill., 9-year man with a 169 average, had to wait out a shaky 5-pin in the 12th for his 300. The owner was glad because Ted's game was rolled on the toughest lanes in the house, old 9 & 10.



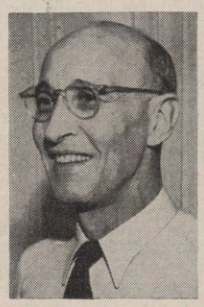
NORBERT RIEDY, Milan, O.

CHARLES ONAK, Harvey, Ill.

JACK PIVIROTTO, Detroit

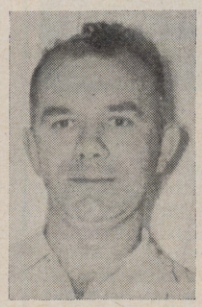
FRANK OSOSKIE, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Norbert Riedy, 172 average bowler of Milan, O., hit 300 on Sept. 15. He had 17 strikes in a row, ending the first game with 3 and starting game No. 3 with a double . . . **Charles Onak,** 175 man from Harvey, Ill., clicked on Oct. 7 with nary a Brooklyn . . . **Jack Pivirotto,** Detroit, had help getting his 300 on Oct. 17 with the 6 pin rolled around in the 9th to tip over the 10-pin. . . . **Frank W. Ososkie,** a veteran of Mt. Carmel, Pa., crashed the pins for his first 300 on Oct. 28. He has been bowling for 21 seasons. He had black and blue spots where his gang pounded him, and he wrote that the 300 was his greatest experience.



JAMES CHRISTENSEN Springfield, Ill.

VERNON KELLER Decatur, Ill.



MARTIN ENGEL Bradford, Pa.

MATT SIMMONS Chicago

James Christensen, Springfield, Ill., Illinois Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation, rolled 300 on Nov. 25 for his greatest thrill. Became excited after 11th strike and picked up wrong ball but noticed it in time. Always has to fight eagerness, so on 12th he deliberately slowed down and his hook finally caught. He writes: "Have been under pressure in 25 years of criminal work but never anything like this." . . . **Vernon Keller,** Decatur, Ill., hit the jackpot on Nov. 8. Teammates all yelled "beer frame" when he got his 12th strike. . . . **Mart Engel,** Bradford, Pa., rolled his perfect game on Oct. 31 on alleys about a month old. . . . **Matt Simmons,** Chicago, rolled his second 300 game on Oct. 29, his first one coming on Mar. 29, 1948.

Bowling Biographies

Tough Jobs

Some of the toughest jobs of the 1950 ABC tournament have been handed four chairmen of the Columbus Bowling association, which is in charge of many of the arrangements for the greatest tourney of the year. The work of these men is well underway, but some of them will have a lot to do up to, during and after tournament time.

Here are the four men and their bowling biographies:

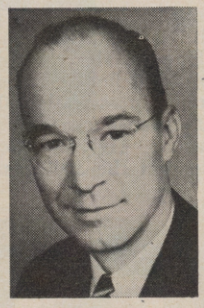
Hamilton

Daugherty

Frank Hamilton, president of the Columbus Bowling association and general chairman of the 1950 ABC tournament committee, has been a bowler for 42 years. His best game and series, 289-723.

Frank Daugherty, "veep" of the CBA and publicity chairman for the 1950 tournament, has a 300 game in sanctioned play to his credit. His best series was 788.

Williams



McBee

Clive Williams, chairman of the Columbus entry committee, possesses the highest average of the four, 195. He won the Columbus individual match game championship in 1945, has a high game of 297 and series of 739 to his credit. His job will be completed on Feb. 15 when entries close.

Clyde "Fibber" McBee, who will be participating in his 16th ABC tournament in 1950, is chairman of the Columbus housing committee. His job is to accommodate the 25,000 visiting bowlers and their families with suitable rooms. He shot 298 in the Ohio State tournament in 1940 and rang the bell for 1907 in the all-events in the 1941 ABC at St. Paul.

ABC Last Call

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The Philadelphia Bowling association awarded similar prizes at the 1949 tourney in honor of the late Billy Knox, the first man to bowl a "300" game in an ABC tournament. Collingsdale Planets No. 1 won the Knox trophies with a score of 2742. The Planets also won first place and $100 on its squad and $70 from the regular prize distribution.

Eighteen teams will participate in the prize fund on each booster squad in the 1950 event. Total prizes will amount to $750, with $100 for first and $25 going to the team finishing in the final money position.

Clyde McBee, housing chairman for the 1950 tournament, has been flooded with reservations requests for hotel accommodations since blanks were mailed to team captains. He has urged teams to plan their arrival for afternoons, if possible, because Columbus hotels have a 5 p.m. checking out time. To accommodate bowlers who arrive before their rooms are available, the hotels will provide "stag dressing" quarters at no additional expense.

McMahon

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Consider these facts relative to that 10-year average:

1. Rolled over a space of 13 years. (There were no ABC's in 1943, 1944 and 1945).
2. Thirty games rolled at slow, team pace.
3. Sixty games rolled at faster pace.
4. All rolled on 30 pairs of alleys, strange, new and stiff.
5. Thirty games rolled against brand new pins; the other 60 against pins with from 16 to 24 games on them.
6. Three-game competition gives little chance to experiment and little room to make mistakes. Every ball is "crucial."

Those are the points you have to consider in ABC competition. But there are a new set of factors in an All Star tournament. There are 36 qualifying games to roll, then 64 more when you reach the finals.

It's a long, hard route, designed to "separate the men from the boys," and age has nothing to do with it. If the qualifying rounds don't get you, those tough finals do. The All Star is a killer, no two ways about it.

The championship brought McMahon a $2,000 check and a trophy, and during the year it may lay another $20,000 at his feet, not counting the income from his regular jobs as operator of a bowling school at Logan Bowl and as a bowling ball salesman.

Watching McMahon all the way through the All Star was his vivacious wife, Helen. She's not a bowler but ever since their marriage in 1944, after a quiet, two year courtship, she has followed her bowling husband on the tenpin trail, at league sessions, to tournaments, on exhibitions.

It was Helen who told newsmen why it was that Junie had won the 1949 All Star. "Why we (notice that 'we') just couldn't have lost," she said. "No. 11 always has been Junie's lucky number. He drew No. 11 in the final pairings. The tournament ended on Dec. 11. And Dec. 11 is my birthday. Isn't this a nice birthday gift?"

McMahon himself is not a superstitious bowler, and he only smiled at Helen's enthusiasm for the elevens. He figures he can depend on McMahon.

ABC Schedule Highlights

Syracuse, N. Y.—New Process Gears, with a good participation record in ABC tournaments, will shoot on Sunday, Apr. 23. Listed on the team are Andy Piraino, Vic Giromini, Greg Griffo and Frank Hermans.

Racine, Wis.—Ed Nowicki, co-holder of the 1942 ABC doubles title, will be on deck on Saturday, May 6, competing with the strong Wiese Auto Sales combination.

New Orleans, La.—Jimmy Wittenberg, one of this city's top ranking bowling boosters, will bring his Mid-City Bowling Center five to Columbus on Wednesday, May 10. Guiding the quintet on the alleys will be Charles Schaefer.

Chicago, Ill.—The former National Match Game champs, Tavern Pale, with Buddy Bomar, Ned Day, Ed Kowalics, Robby Robinson, Ed Brosius and Joe Kristoff, will be the center of attraction on Sunday, May 21.

Green Bay, Wis.—The defending ABC doubles champions, Don Von Boxel and Gene Bernhardt, will participate as members of the Braumeisters on Saturday, May 13. Gene hails from nearby Sturgeon Bay but has participated in many tourneys with Green Bay teams.

Kansas City, Mo.—Three veteran stars, Erle Shepherd, Bill O'Donnell and Jim Pendergast are members of the Budweisers, on the Columbus docket for Saturday, May 13.

San Antonio, Tex.—Phillips Drillers, captained by Norbert Penshorn, and with an Alamo City star-studded lineup, will shoot on Tuesday, May 23. The team has a good record in ABC competition.

Arlington, Va.—Billy Zeh, one of the best tenpinners in this area, will lead his Ridge Insurance team to Columbus and the State Fair Coliseum on Friday, May 12.

Chicago, Ill.—The reorganized Monarch Beers, with Bill "Chopper" Flesch at the helm, will battle the timber on Sunday, May 28. John Small, defending ABC all events champion, Carl Berger, Harry Ledene, Bill Kenet and Rudy Habetler are on the squad. Flesch recently returned from Los Angeles and Kenet moved to the Windy City from Detroit.

Cleveland, Ohio—Gold Crown Beer, winners of the recent team match game eliminations at Battle Creek, Mich., will fire in the ABC on Thursday, May 18. The team will meet the champions, E & B Beer, Detroit, in the spring of 1950 for the match game title. Gold Crown lines up with John Petro, captain; Willis Ebosh, Al Stofcho, Joe Breit, Alex Black and Earl Linsz.

Columbus, Ohio—Two Booster teams from the Columbus Blind Institute will bowl during the 1950 ABC joust. Paul Walker, Columbus Dispatch sports writer, is arranging the affair.

Washington, D. C.—Seven Up, captained by Bob Barrett and including the Washington City association secretary, Matt "Red" Bennie, will toe the line on Tuesday, May 6. Bennie has done a fine job in popularizing "big pin bowling" in the nation's capital.

Long Beach, Calif.—Art Parra, one of the West Coast's leading pinsters, will bring his Mobilgas five to Columbus on Thursday, May 25. In the lineup are Frank Haynes, Shorty Yarbrough, Tim Cockriel and Lyman Wakeman.

Bowlers Set a Record, $106 Taxi Bill

By Eli Whitney

This incident happened in the 1919 ABC at Toledo.

It set a record for taxicab bills for visiting bowlers, we believe.

Three Indianapolis bowlers barely reached Toledo in time for the team event. Their captain, who arrived earlier in the day, had checked in at a hotel and signed for the rooms under his own name.

When it came time for his squad to bowl, he was a much harried individual until his three late arrivals plunged into the paddock—under the wire. Of course, the captain bawled them out in no uncertain words. And when the event was over, the trio rushed over to a restaurant.

When they finished eating, they began looking for the captain. He had left the building. Nobody knew where he was staying.

The lads took over a taxicab and made the rounds of Toledo hotels. Nary a clerk had a room or reservation for them, and there were no extra rooms.

Finally the lads went out to the cabbie. After some palavering he and the three curled up and went to sleep in the cab. They awoke bright and early and paid their bill—$106 worth.

Yes, they were sleeping right in front of their hotel and their rooms had been unoccupied—all because they were registered in their captain's name and they never had thought to mention this to the clerk.

Although this happened 30 years ago, there still are a number of Hoosiers who enjoy retelling the story.

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Buddy Bomar was assigned to Room 776 at the Hotel Fort Shelby when he visited Detroit to bowl against E & B in their title match with Buddy's team, the Tavern Pale.

He thought it was a good omen because bowlers frequently roll some amazing totals to correspond to their room numbers. It has happened many times, and we once knew a bowler who always asked for a room on the 7th floor.

Buddy was disappointed, though. He rolled not a single 776. But the E & B team did take a 776-pin lead over Tavern Pale in the Detroit half of the match.

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Ed Easter, time defying Detroit bowler, just can't help getting stories printed about himself. This one comes from the pen of Dick Peters, of the Detroit Free Press.

Cass Schlaff, Ed's team captain, tells it: "Went up to see Ed last summer about bowling with us. I got to his rooming house about 10:30 in the morning. The landlady told me it was no use. Mr. Easter just doesn't see anyone before 11 o'clock. 'You might as well go lose yourself for half an hour,' she said."

Of course, being in the army for nearly 40 years, Ed has a right to indulge himself with some late sleeping, hasn't he?

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Bill Hengen, bowling editor of the Minneapolis Star, recently was elected president of the Minnesota and the Minneapolis City bowling associations. Bill is an excellent bowler, even though he is a southpaw. He's also a fine writer and possesses unusual understanding of the bowling game.

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The Detroit News, of which John Walter is the bowling editor, is reproducing the cartoons of Ford Banes from his famous book, "Right Down Your Alley." As a result, a million readers in Michigan are laughing over Ford's clever and deft pin pen strokes. It's good fun.

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Walter Ward's new bowling book is full of interesting dates and scores compiled by him for the past 20 years. No other bowler ever has attempted to keep such a faithful report of his bowling endeavors. Walter has rolled 10,409 games for 2,158,423 pins and a lifetime average of 207 pins.

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Detroit, Mich.—Freddy Wolf, member of the Strohs, had to abandon bowling as a career about five years ago because of a back injury. Now he has leaped from the approaches to the microphone. He has television and radio programs galore and is doing a grand job.

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Jack Ripple, language flirt if there ever was one, sends along a picture of Chicago's Mayor Martin H. Kennelly who has rolled the first ball on opening nights of the Chicago Classic league for the past two seasons and who has got strikes on each of them.

The photo, Jack, is in our September (1950) file awaiting a report on his third effort. If he succeeds, he will tie the former mayor of Detroit, Edward J. Jeffries. You have to use diplomacy with these bowling mayors.

Two Iron Lungs

Credit

Credit two iron lungs and a lot of other hospital equipment to the bowlers of Erie, Pa.

Here's how it was that those bowlers raised $15,000:

As the 1949-50 pin season was opening, Erie was in the middle of a serious polio epidemic. Lakeview Municipal hospital was hard pressed to take care of patients who needed iron lungs for treatment.

Then the men in the picture above stepped in. They were (left to right) Elmer Krieger, representative of the Erie County Bowling Proprietor's association; Raymond Wagner, city director of safety; Mayor Joseph Martin; Dave Ziegler, first vice-president of the Erie Bowling association and chairman of the municipal hospital equipment fund drive, and Ken Welsh, president of the bowling association.

A general meeting of citizens, bowlers, city officials and bowling proprietors was called. Exhibition star Andy Varipapa was summoned to help in the one week drive for funds. Every bowling league was solicited.

The result was $15,000. With it, the bowlers bought the two iron lungs and still had enough money left over to buy other equipment for the hospital.

ABC Plans Its First Gridiron Banquet

The American Bowling Congress will hold its first Gridiron luncheon at the Deshler-Wallick hotel in Columbus, Ohio, at 6:30 p.m. on May 11.

Tom Bolger, president of the Bowling Writer's association, and Toledo Times bowling writer, will announce the appointment of script writers and stooges for the party.

Actors on the program will be professionals.

Persons to be panned will be guests at the banquet and will include star bowlers, ABC officials, manufacturers and some of the writers themselves, according to Bolger.

Toledo Pastor Hits 601

Toledo, Ohio—The Rev. James Dwyer, a 148 average bowler here, rolled his highest league total here Nov. 25. He hit 601.

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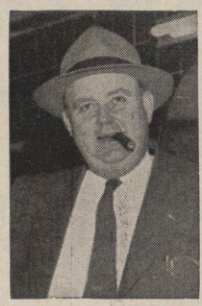
Stories about PROPRIETORS

Connorsville, Ind.—Clarey B. Currey, a local proprietor, buys more subscriptions to BOWLING Magazine than any other pin mogul in the nation.

Last year he subscribed for 54 and so far this season he has come through for 24 more. He rewards everyone who rolls a 600 series with a sub.

Later in the season he will stage a sweepstakes and sponsor a banquet.



C. B. Currey

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Clinton, Ia.—Boyd Cook, co-owner of the Clinton Recreation Lanes here, watched Louis Witt convert the 7-9-10 split in the Fifth Avenue league recently. After the applause had died down, Cook remarked: "Anyone can make that split." Within 24 hours he was made to eat his words. The following afternoon he had a pinboy spot up the 7-9-10 and he missed it 19 times in a row, converting it on the 20th try. He converted it on the 36th, 47th and 48th tries, missing on the 49th and 50th. His customers argue that 4 out of 50 isn't a sign of great marksmanship.

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Trenton, N. J.—The Mercer County Bowling association recently subscribed to BOWLING Magazine for all 18 of its officers, committeemen and life members.

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Cleveland, Ohio—Elmer Roeher, a Cleveland proprietor since 1930, has a wonderful philosophy about bowling. He says:

"I like bowling because most bowlers are good sports, understand their proprietor's problems and can take a loss with a smile."

He never saw the "Big 4" converted until he did it himself in the doubles at the Atlantic City ABC last spring.

Roeher is a member of the Cleveland Bowler's Council and is sincere when he says: "I'm always willing to help proprietors and bowlers."

Walker on TV

Columbus, Ohio—Paul Walker, bowling editor of the Columbus Dispatch, has fallen to the lure of television. Now he has a bowling program on WBNS-TV every Saturday night. It's winning many friends. Walker plans to originate some of the shows at State Fair Coliseum, host arena to the 47th ABC.

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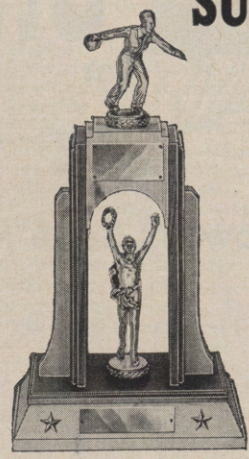

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His sport luggage attained such a quick success that by the time World War II came along his facilities were able to supply the services with vast numbers of the famous "DL Flight bags, Service and Wardrobe Packs."

When the war ended, Braverman began watching the trends in sports luggage. He noted the tremendous growth being shown in bowling and redoubled his efforts to originate new and better bowling luggage.

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San Francisco, Calif.—Slick Airways delivered an unusual cargo here Nov. 15, when one of its planes unloaded a batch of Bowl-O automatic bowling games from the Sutphen factory in Newark, N.J. It took just 24 hours.

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Joliet, Ill.—The Union Machinery Co. has been acquired by the American Machine and Foundry Co., according to announcements made here recently.

Union was founded in Joliet in 1914. John Morrill, president, will continue to serve in that capacity.

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Chicago, Ill.—John F. Bartlett, executive credit manager of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., has been appointed assistant vice-president.

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Lake Geneva, Wis.—The H. R. Erickson Co. has developed a clever game called "Boulette." It is based on a suspended ball and a setup of ten pins.

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Chicago Leads in Membership Race

By Ferd Lipovetz

IN the September issue of BOWLING Magazine we reported the interesting national membership race among Minneapolis, Chicago and New York City. At that time, the three cities ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd with 157,150 and 139 national life members respectively.

On Nov. 7, Chicago went over the top with 162 members, displacing Minneapolis —a splendid group that has been leading the national race for the past few years. New York holds third spot, although pressed by St. Paul, Southern California, Peoria, Ill.; Northern California, and Erie, Pa.

The honor of putting the Windy City 700 and 800 members out in front goes to Joe Cincura of Chicago. Congratulations, Joe!

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GOOD OLD SANTA. We hung up our Christmas membership stocking, hoping for 50 members. Santa left 125. Here's the splendid gang hitting life membership hill No. 4225:

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CALIFORNIA, Alameda—Ken Volkmann (703-1949); **Albany**—Larry Allington (700-1948); **Hollydale**—Howard Holmes (739-1949); **Laguna Beach**—Johnnie Heisey (706-1949); **Lodi**—Chris Hoefel (705-1949); **Long Beach**—Merle Matthews (701-1948); **Oakland**—John Collins (711-1949), Robert Otterstetter (703-1949); **San Francisco**—William E. Hall (724-1947); **Santa Clara**—Robert Rohrig, jr. (711-1949); **Wilmington**—Lee Williams (705-1947).
COLORADO, Grand Junction—B. V. Warren (704-1949).
ILLINOIS, Alton—George King (706-1949), T. Everett Wilkins (714-1949); **Berwyn**—Harold Kadlec (705-1949), William F. Komerska (726-1949); **Chicago**—Ray Burdin (729-1949), Dr. S. Charles (714-1944), John Griesmaier (726-1949), Richard Jensen (725-1948), James Lebeda (715-1948), Vincent Terry (705-1947), Walter Wisniewski (713-1948), Eugene Zylstra (701-1949); **Cicero**—Joseph Ronovsky (732-1948); **DeKalb**—Charles Lupinski (706-1948), Mike Sarich (700-1949); **Kankakee**—"Bud" Clancy (707-1949); **La Grange**—John La Rue (733-1949); **Springfield**—James Butler (726-1949), George Kovach (704-1949).
INDIANA, Elkhart—Smith Frye (703-1945), William McKean (711-1948), Charles Wilcox (701-1947).
IOWA, Burlington—Milton Astfalk (708-1949); **Clinton**—William Bernstorff (708-1948).
KENTUCKY, Lexington—James Bradley (702-1949).
MASSACHUSETTS, Brockton—Barney Johnson (703-1949); **Plymouth**—Albert Raymond (717-1949).
MICHIGAN, Detroit—Barney Dagle (700-1949), William Bunetta (704-1949), Chester Gleich (713-1948), Milton Perry (700-1949), Ben Shepard (703-1949), Harold Weber (702-1949), Reg. A. Wellet (709-1945).
MINNESOTA, St. Paul—Ollie Anderson (732-1943), Erwin Jahnke (706-1948), Harry Lancette (702-1927), Francis Morrissette (704-1949), Val O'Connor (736-1948), Henry Peltier (760-1934), Art Drier (707-1949).
MONTANA, Billings—B. M. Kennedy (711-1934), John Mehl (706-1949), Pete R. Nelson (747-1932).
NEBRASKA, Lincoln—Eddie Schwartz (703-1949).
NORTH DAKOTA, Grand Forks—Ardell C. Andersen, Sr. (704-1949).
NEW YORK, Auburn—Ralph Hopper (743-1949); **Brooklyn**—Michael Buono (700-1949); **Buffalo**—Helen Greene (705-1949); **Cortland**—Joseph Paino (728-1949); **Niagara Falls**—John Delgobbo (705-1945), Sam Martino (708-1948), John Ruffino (720-1949), Eldon Schultz (701-1949), Roy Shearer (704-1947); **Nyack**—W. Arietta (792-1949); **Oneida**—LeRoy Hollingsworth, jr. (711-1941); **Piermont**—J. Kopac (702-1949); **Rochester**—William F. Hawley (704-1949); **Seneca Falls**—Joseph Romanick (735-1948); **Sherrill**—Alton Breithaupt (703-1941), Peter Hornyak (713-1942); **Staten Island**—Albert Morey (702-1948).
OHIO, Chillicothe—Willard Taylor (707-1949); **Cleveland**—Bela Balogh (729-1949); **Columbus**—Jack Best (Associate), "Red" Dehl (703-1948), George Doyle (721-1936), Ernie Helm (713-1935), Earl Horcher (758-1945), Sam Messner (743-1928), John Morgan (Associate), Frank Saele (727-1947), Emmet Strapp (723-1924), Richard Zimmerman (Associate); **Orrville**—Samuel Huntsberger (724-1938); **Zanesville**—William F. Lenz (718-1939), James Wolf (719-1949).
OREGON, Salem—Edwin McCluskey (702-1949); **Hillsboro**—Willard Hughes (707-1949).
PENNSYLVANIA, Altoona—Christopher J. Frank (720-1949); **Bradford**—Martin Engel (701-1949), Harry Olson (707-1949); **Harrisburg**—Reginald Seavey (708-1949); **Hummels Wharf**—Louis Dreibelbis (729-1939); **Northumberland**—Finley Miller (702-1947); **Shenandoah**—Jose H. Zimnitsky (705-1949); **Sunbury**—Clarence Cressinger (768-1945), William H. Faux (761-1940).
TEXAS, Lubbock—James Brown (759-1949), E. A. Christensen (737-1948), Glenn Hennington (709-1949), Robert Jenkins (702-1942), William J. Nelms (702-1948),

Joe Cincura

Jay O'Keefe (719-1949), George Tate (710-1949), C. Dayle Vannoy (701-1949).
WASHINGTON, Camas—Harold McGrew, jr. (737-1948); **Centralia**—Philip Sheatsley (708-1949); **Seattle**—Art Oakes (702-1949); **Tacoma**—George Geller (703-1949), Earl Mahnhey (726-1949); **Vancouver**—John Bulger (728-1949), Manford Frantz (719-1949), Pete Piazza (703-1946); **Yakima**—Irvin Holme (734-1940).
WEST VIRGINIA, Charleston—Harry Lookabill (736-1947); **Pt. Pleasant**—Robert Tillis (725-1949).
WISCONSIN, Hartford—Joseph Theisen (713-1949); **Hudson**—Joseph Larson (702-1949); **Mauston**—Reinhard J. Walter (727-1949); **Shell Lake**—Harry Hard (709-1949); **Milwaukee**—Walter A. Janke (768-1948).
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Entries close on Feb. 15 and requests for blanks should be made to Secretary Edgar N. Quinn, P.O. Box No. 29, Madison 1, Wis.

Judge John L. Rounds Recovers From Illness

St. Paul, Minn.—Judge John L. Rounds, former president of the American Bowling Congress, is back on the job after an illness of several months following a coronary thrombosis attack, his second in the last six years.

New York Printers Finally Beat Swedes

New York, N.Y.—The 100 man New York Printcraft Bowling association defeated the Swedish Typographical Union, of Stockholm, in its annual cable match, 51,455 to 49,832 pins. It was the New Yorkers's first victory in four matches.

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Railsplitters

Harrison, N.J.—Clint Winters became the first man in recorded bowling history to convert the 4-6-7-10 (Big 4 or Double Pinochle) twice in one game. This record breaking performance took place October 11 in the Worthington Pump league. The conversions were in the 3rd and 7th frames. Clint has been bowling 35 years and holds a modest 168.

Here are some famous doubleheaders as shown in the ABC Oddity Record Book:

2 in 1 game — Name and date—
7-10—Phil Irving, Port Huron, Mich., in 1936.
7-10—Karl Adler, Meat Dealers, Detroit, 1940.
Big 4—Clint Winters, Harrison, N.J., 1949.

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Detroit, Mich.—"Carter's pill good for 7-10."

That was the headline on a short story in the Detroit News recently when Steve Carter of the Nash-Kelvinator converted the 7-10.

It was a fine head on a fine story about a great shot.

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Standish, Mich.—Jacques P. Gaehl, secretary of the Standish Bowling association, was having a bad time of it on Oct. 27. He'd had two low games, and the third wasn't making him happy. Then up popped the 5-7-10, and he clipped the three pins off like they were grass. The night was a success.

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Philadelphia, Pa.—Nelson Riggall, a member of the North City Industrial league, left a most unusual spare on Oct. 29 when the 1-7-10 stood up. And he made it.

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Curunda, Canal Zone—Leo Presho converted the 7-10 on Oct. 18. It was the first such spare ever made down here.

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7-10 CONVERSIONS

Steve Carter, Detroit
Leo Presho, Canal Zone
Chas. Hogan, Detroit
Ray Sup, Cleveland
Sid Bauman, Cleveland
Joe Faudree, Hempsted
Earl Vogel, Clinton, Ia.
Carl Carfi, Los Angeles
Dick Erlandson, Mpls.
Don Sullivan, Binghamton
J. DeVries, Soux Falls, S.D.
Ralph Cleaver, Detroit
Frank Myers, Columbus
Ralph Dean, Cleveland
Hank VanDoorn, Detroit
Mel Klenke, Cincinnati
John Serochman, Cleveland
Elmer Kricak, Cleveland
Jno Walsh, Queens, N.Y.
Carl Osborn, Columbus
Ted Preede, Bend, Ore.
C. Brickman, Detroit
E. Beeckman, Columbus
Ogle Scott, Rochester, N.Y.
Norm Butler, Mpls., Minn.
Season 7-10 conversions, 51

BIG 4 CONVERSIONS

Clint Winters, Harrison, New Jersey....2
Sam Bradley, Detroit
Omer Bohl, Columbus, O.
C. Sprake, Sharon Springs
Roy Hollowell, Detroit
Bal Cassata, Houston
Bill Brown, Indianapolis
Season's Big 4 conversions, 24.

5-7-10 CONVERSIONS

Jacques P. Gaehl, Standish, Michigan

Too Old for a '300'? 65-Year-Old Does It

Wilmington, Del.—You are never too old to bowl a 300.

Monroe Fenstermacher, 65, who has competed in seven of the last eight ABC tournaments, clicked here on Oct. 16.

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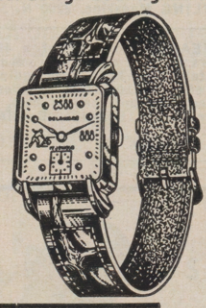

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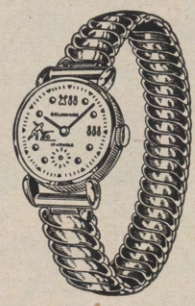

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Initial Certifications

Here's Another List of New Pin Palaces

Two hundred forty-four establishments are listed on the books of the American Bowling Congress as being "initially certified" since Jan. 1, 1949.

Most of them are new establishments which house 1938 new beds.

The list below is the fourth installment printed since September.

Where an establishment has two separate numbers, the first one shows number of old beds and the second shows new beds.

Michigan

Minelli's Bowling Alleys, Gwinn 4
Michigan State College, East Lansing 16
Short Recreation, Croswell 12
Cederway Rec., Lansing 12
Detroit American Legion Memorial, Detroit 6
Fiorani Recreation, Detroit 12
Red Mill Rec., Detroit 16-5

Missouri

St. Gregory Parish, St. Louis 8
Maple Bowl, Florissant 4
Tocco Bowl, St. Louis 4-4

Montana

General Morrison, Hungry Horse 6
The Bowl, Bozeman 10

New York

Ovington Alleys, Brooklyn 19
Mid-way Bowling Center, Albany 10
Lyons' Bowling Den, Greece 12
Delmar Sporthaven, Delmar 8-6
C.Y.O. Center, Yonkers 6
E. J. Recreation Center, Johnson City 16
Coulter Alleys, Walton 6
Cove Bowling Center, Glen Cove 16
Williams Bowling, Schenectady 16
Sycamore, Buffalo 4
Fresh Meadows Center, Flushing 16
Dixie Alleys, Elmira 12-6
Dreamland Center, Apalachian 6
Park Slope Rec., Brooklyn 10-2
Schumacher's Broadway, Brooklyn 12
Club Davis, Staten Island 4
Elm Bowling Hall, Rochester 8-8
Sunset Recreation, Rochester 20

Pennsylvania

Lehighton Recreation, Lehighton 6
Nesbit's Recreation, New Kensington 8
Servanti's Lanes, New Kensington 8
Silva Drome Rec., Hunlock's Creek 2
Star Garage alleys, Bradford 12
Hanover Moose Lodge, Hanover 2
American Legion No. 12, Reading 6
Malta Temple, York 3
A.F. Reserve Training, Reading 2
American Legion Post No. 396, Philadelphia 2
Elks No. 102, Altoona 2
Tahoe Home Ass'n, Millersburg 4
Moose No. 410, Middletown 4
Brighton alleys, Pittsburgh 4-4
Summers alleys, Pitcairn 4
Enright alleys, Pittsburgh 11
Slovenian Club, S. Burgettstown 4
Palm Rec., Palmyra 5-1

Texas

Kermit Center, Kermit 8
BPOE No. 1032 Lanes, Brownsville 4
Mercedes Bowling Center, Mercedes 4
S & T Bowling Center, Ft. Worth 20
Hermann Sons Lanes, San Antonio 20
Port Arthur Center, Port Arthur 18-5
Sherman Alleys, Sherman 10

Washington

Rialto Alleys, Bremerton 6

Wisconsin

Sport Bowl, Chetek 4
Lighthouse Lanes, West Bend 10
Polacek Resort, Westfield 4
Alhambra, Fond du Lac 12-4
Al's Country Club, Newton 4
Prairie Sport Club, Prairie du Sac 3-1
Bowl Inn, Downing 4
Albany Alley, Albany 6
Meyers Lanes, Milwaukee 6
Windup Lanes, West Allis 6
Central Lanes, Waupaca 8

West Virginia

Center Bowl Lanes, St. Mary's 6
Emerson Lanes, Parkersburg 8-2

Paterson Bowler Hits 822 Total

Paterson, N.J.—Walter Gravatt, 44 year old, 147 pound bowler with a 185 average, is leading the nation with his 822 league series rolled here Dec. 5. He has bowled 25 years and is a member of the Bee Electric team in the Greater Fair Lawn league. His games were 244, 299 and 279.

Young Team Puts Color in Philly Major

Philadelphia, Pa.—A new team of youngsters is adding a batch of color to the Philadelphia Major league.

It's the S-K Oil Burner team, made up of bowlers 17 to 23 years old. It hasn't set the scoreboard on fire, but it has been a tremendous success from a spectator standpoint. Fans like the youngsters' scrap, and

Members of the S-K Oil Burner team are (left) John Twells, Nick Francis, Carl Ruckert, Neal Troth, and Dick Clark.

even the older bowlers have been keyed up by the kids' slam dash style of bowling.

Two of the team's members are Carl Ruckert and Neal Troth. Ruckert, last year's schoolboy champ, won his title with 751. Already he has rolled a 709 in the Philadelphia Major and is averaging 195. Top man is Troth, with a 198 average.

The team came into existence because the S-K Oil Burner Co., long a team sponsor, wanted something different. Bill MacLachlan, a bowling booster, helped form the team and is responsible for some of its improvement. He's set up a rigid practice schedule.

New Associations

The following is a partial list of new association charters issued by the American Bowling Congress since Oct. 31:

Nov. 1—Montrose B.A., Montrose, Colo.
Nov. 1—Stromsberg B.A., Sromsberg, Neb.
Nov. 1—Champlaign B.A., Champlaign, N.Y.
Nov. 1—Alice B.A., Alice, Tex.
Nov. 1—LaGrange B.A., LaGrange, Tex.
Nov. 1—Gleason B.A., Gleason, Wis.
Nov. 2—Sidney B.A., Sidney, Mont.
Nov. 2—Greenwood B.A., Greenwood, Wis.
Nov. 3—Elgin B.A., Elgin, N. D.
Nov. 7—Elkins B.A., Elkins, W. Va.
Nov. 8—Milaca B.A., Milaca, Minn.
Nov. 8—Auburn B.A., Auburn, Calif.
Nov. 9—Elgin B.A., Elgin, Neb.
Nov. 11—St. Charles B.A., St. Charles, Mich.
Nov. 11—Mineville B.A., Mineville, N. Y.
Nov. 16—Hazen B.A., Hazen, N. D.
Nov. 16—Ulysses B.A., Ulysses, Kans.
Nov. 16—Wolf Point B.A., Wolf Point, Mont.
Nov. 18—Ainsworth B.A., Ainsworth, Nebr.
Nov. 18—Oakdale B.A., Oakdale, Calif.
Nov. 18—Boscobel B.A., Boscobel, Wis.
Nov. 21—Price B.A., Price, Utah.
Previously reported, 30; total to date, 52.

32 Alleys Burn

Union City, N.J.—The 32 alley Playdrome was destroyed by fire here on Dec. 12. The loss was estimated at $500,000. Walter Kelly, 49 year old chef, was burned to death. The fire, discovered at 2 a.m., spread throughout the block-long building in a matter of minutes.

Sponsors

Los Angeles, Calif.—Members of the Proto Tools teams here have unusual shirts, each different from its mates.

Clever animated tools, featured in the national advertising of Proto Tools, are displayed on the shirts.

Members of the teams are forced to answer many questions about the sponsor's business.

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Chicago, Ill.—Sig Sakowicz, proprietor of the Rocket Cafe, 1122 Milwaukee Ave., sponsors 20 teams in 20 different leagues.

He now is staging charity exhibitions for the cancer fund.

This month his 18 men's teams compete in a club sweepstakes, and there will be a 40-mixed doubles tournament on Jan. 15.

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Fort Wayne, Ind.—The Cantlivre Brewing Co. here is an outstanding bowling sponsor of several teams. It also has devised a system of awards by which bowlers are publicized in local newspapers in the company's daily advertising. Men are given bronze buttons and felt crowns for 600 or better, and women, 520 or more.

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Columbus, Ohio—Lou Voisinet, owner of the Voisinet Garment Shop here, has been a generous sponsor of bowling teams for 14 years, although his product is not sold in Columbus.

Voisinet is a bowler, president of the Classic league, has a composite average of 185 and fights like a maniac for pins when he's bowling. Yet he's a mild mannered fellow off the runways.

He came to Columbus from Union City, Ind., shortly after World War I. He promptly rolled a 296 game and a 756 series, ending his first year with a 208 average.

To show that he likes bowlers, Voisinet is even sponsoring a team of Columbus sport writers for opening night in the 1950 ABC tournament here.

Columbus Group Rewards President While in Office

Columbus, Ohio—Members of the Columbus Bowling Association now reward their president while he is in office—they don't wait for him to retire.

The executive committee decided recently to change the time honored custom of giving the retiring president a keepsake. Merrill Weaver, 1948-49 prexy, officiated at presentation ceremonies where Frank Hamilton, current president, was given a gold wrist watch.

Hamilton also heads the 1950 ABC tournament committee.

Amendments!

Proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the ABC will appear in the April issue of BOWLING Magazine. This is at least two months later than usual.

The amendments will take eight pages of the tournament edition of BOWLING.

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Houston, Tex.—Sam Amspaker, 75, rolled three 162 games in the Elks Stag league to become the nation's oldest triplicate shooter of the current season. He has been bowling nearly 60 years and in the last 10 years has rolled many 600's.

Editor's Note—Item reported by C. E. Vance, former ABC field representative.

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Waukon, Iowa—Leon Henderson thinks he ought to have a triplicate membership card because he has rolled a 258 game in tournament competition in the Oneota alleys at Decorah in 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Editor's Note—If he can show the score sheets, we'll give him one.

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Los Angeles, Calif.—John Dillingham, a 159 average bowler, scored 478, 478, 478 in the team, 2-man and singles of the Los Angeles City tournament.

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Bradley, Ill.—Clarence Newman rolled a 174 triplicate here Oct. 12. It was the first triplicate in the Bradley Mfg. Works league in 15 years.

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San Francisco, Calif.—Members of the Southern Pacific league presented retiring president Fred Seib with a new bowling ball as a token of their esteem. He showed his appreciation by rolling three 202 games.

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Triplicates of the month:

CALIFORNIA

Grass Valley—Don Thomas, 148; **Long Beach**—Todd Long, 169; **Oakland**—A. Knighton, 187; **Santa Cruz**—Harold Jackson, 165; **San Francisco**—Vince Gianni, 124; **San Luis Obispo**—Ralph Madsen, 168.

CANADA

Toronto—Milton H. Webber, 182.

COLORADO

La Junta—Tod Ritter, 176.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Joe Kurdzeil, 144.

DELAWARE

Wilmington—Francis Crozier, 152; Howard Langheed, 244.

IDAHO

Idaho Falls—Ray J. Stalzle, 141.

ILLINOIS

Beardstown—Ed. Poole, 168; **Berwyn**—Frank Kiedrowski, 157; **Chicago**—Geoffrey Coombes, 145; George Fern, 177; Ray Lundberg, 164; **Marengo**—Earl "Red" Eicksteadt, 201; **Ormey**—Robert Heckenkamp, jr., 168; **Peoria**—Herman Wolfe, 182; Elmer Anderson, 176; **Rockford**—Al Stockman, 137; **Springfield**—Don Moore, 158; Orval Jackson, 167; **Streator**—Fr. John Koyel, 133; **Villa Park**—George Guare, 165; **Washburn**—Kenneth Pelz, 144.

INDIANA

Angola—"Chuck" Priest, 137; **Berne**—Gordon Sprunger, 170; **Culver**—Clyde Shively, 183; **Elkhart**—Russell Anderson, 156; **Fort Wayne**—Richard Pranger, 146; John Bauer, 165; **Indianapolis**—Rufus Mumford, 169; Glenn Billeter, 146; **Kokomo**—Fred Myers, 179; **Lafayette**—Frances Reiss, 153; **Rushville**—Raymond McCloskey, 169; **South Bend**—E. Kitkowski, 153; E. Dewespleare, 190.

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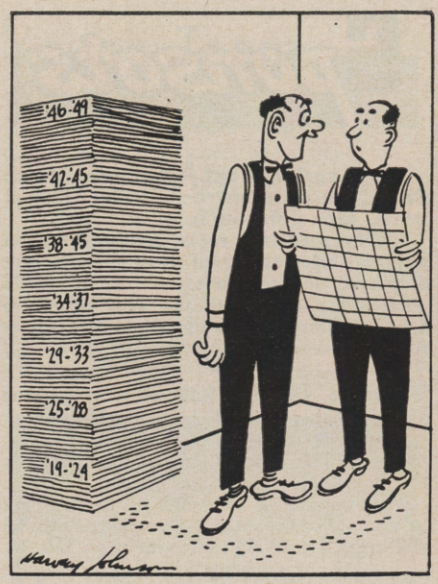

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794 Chrysler Teams Bowling This Season

Detroit, Mich.—The Chrysler Corp., auto manufacturers, has 794 bowling teams this season. In Detroit, the Chrysler men bowl on 714 teams in 57 leagues. Last season, Chrysler had 55 leagues and 682 teams here.

Des Moines Fire

Des Moines, Iowa—The 12 alley Central Recreation was destroyed here Nov. 27 by fire. The owners started rebuilding immediately, and will install 16 new lanes which will be opened by Feb. 1.

Oddities

St. Louis, Mo.—The Hippe team, of the C. J. B league here is a "natural." Here's how: They are team No. 11 in the schedule. In the 11th week the Hippes won their 11th game on the 11th day of the 11th month. They were 11th in the standings, 11th in high single game and 11th in the high three game total column.

PS. They were scheduled for alley 11 the next week.

PPS. They had lost 22 games (2 x 11).

PPPS. The editors are sorry they started this column.

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St. Charles, Mo.—The other night the Streamliners and the Pencil Pushers of the A. C. F. league tied for the 4th point: 2222 to 2222.

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Danville, Ill.—The Community league was in a great fix here on Nov. 24. The first four teams had won 19 and lost 17; the last four teams were the other way round.

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Colorado Springs, Colo.—The first four members of the Elks club team in the Pikes Peak league had things working pretty slick on Oct. 10 when they each corralled 203 games. But the anchor man couldn't cut the mustard, and a chance to make bowling's hall of fame slipped by.

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Detroit, Mich.—Members of the Jourdan Co. league here watched Norman Jourdan convert the 6-7-10 in the same instant that Gerald Franklin made the 4-7-10 the other night. They were on alleys 5-6, and both took off at the same time.

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Sheboygan, Wis.—The Fenner's Zwei Herzen team in the Erie B. M. league rolled an errorless game Nov. 15. They had only two turkeys and one double. They are not a high average team.

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Chicago, Ill.—The six team Silver Inn league went in for ties on Nov. 20. Teams 1 and 2, Jokers and Hatchets, tied their first game with 692 each. Teams 3 and 4, Pasko and Mario's, knotted their second game with 721; teams 5 and 6, Aces and Silver Streaks, tied their second with 718. Such fun!

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Poughkeepsie, N.Y.—Nathan Tinkelman, member of the Menorah league here, had successive league totals of 477 on Nov. 1, 8 and 15.

The ABC Oddities Record Book:

Year	Record Holders	Three
1941	Dr. I. A. Osmundson, Grand Forks, Minn.	494
1949	Nathan Tinkelman, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	477

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Muncy, Pa.—Three pins accounted for a three game victory of the Boyer team over the Murphys here Nov. 28 in the Montgomery league. The scores:

Boyers	706	761	775	2242
Murphys	705	760	774	2239

The Boyers become the first team of record to win three games by the slim margin of as many pins. Here is what the ABC Oddity Record Book shows:

Margins	Team, place and dates
1-1-1	Nov. 1949, in Muncy, Pa.
1-2-1	Jan, 1940, in Oster league, Cleveland.
1-1-2	Oct. 1942, in Irvington, N. J.
1-2-1	Mar., 1945, in Green Bay, Wis.

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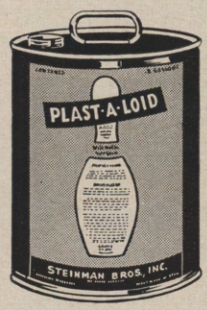

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Bowling Writers to Get a Workout at the ABC

Toledo, Ohio—Members of the Bowling Writer's association will have a busy time on May 11, according to President Tom Bolger, bowling editor of the Toledo Times.

Bolger says the annual tournament will be staged at 1 p.m. at the Olentangey Village in Columbus and the annual convention will be at 3 p.m. at the Village club rooms. He has asked Paul Walker, bowling editor of the Columbus Dispatch and former president of BWA, to manage the tournament.

At 6:30 p.m. the annual American Bowling Congress' buffet luncheon and gridiron party will be held at the Deshler-Wallick hotel in Columbus.

Mike Devitt Made Police League Director

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mike Devitt, former bowling editor of the defunct Philadelphia Record and past president of the Bowling Writer's Association of America, recently was appointed director of PAL, the Police Athletic League here. Devitt covered the 1949 ABC tournament at Atlantic City for two Philadelphia newspapers and helped the Atlantic City Associated Press bureau.

All Star

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Buddy Bomar, the 1944 title holder, finished strong for fourth place, looking the best he has since he won the crown.

Newcomers Do Well

The tournament was the widest open for years, and there were a lot of new faces to give the fans, the writers and radio men a chance to unlimber their vocabularies.

Bill Lillard, a 22 year old piece of whang-leather from Dallas, Tex., busted into national recognition by shooting a 1306 on the opening round of the qualifying business and then finishing sixth, only five pins less than McMahon's qualifying 7326.

Lillard locked horns with all the "name" bowlers and did right smart for himself. He finished 11th. The fellows he'd never heard of were tough for him. Lillard will be back, and Texas is about ready to yield up another citizen because he's better with a bowling ball than with a lariat and six gun.

Jouglard Takes Rap

Lee Jouglard of Detroit, a former San Francisco lad, finished in third. For awhile he was in second spot, miles behind McMahon, with no hope of overhauling him. Then Jouglard was forced to bowl the new champ in the "position" round. Thus, he became the only contestant to battle Junie twice. That isn't too good for a guy trying like the dickens to win second.

Ralph Smith, Los Angeles, and Freddy Bujack, Detroit, were fighting for third and fourth place. Smith picked up the most marbles, and landed in second spot. Freddy fell off the pace to fifth position.

The Northwest Armory, site for the show, provided a jewel of a setting. It was clean, warm and light. The accommodations were perfect, and the building personnel was alert and co-operative.

Alarms Interrupt Firemen at Bowls

Hilton, N.Y.—Almost every member of the Hilton volunteer fire department was bowling in the Hilton Major league here on the night of Nov. 28. Everybody was just getting the range, and it looked like a big night.

Then, in the middle of the first game, two fire alarms came in. In no time at all most of the 60 members of the league were manning fire fighting equipment.

Over in nearby Spencerport, that town's firemen had just finished bowling when they heard about the two Hilton fires. They rushed their equipment and an entire platoon of firemen to the scene.

The two blazes were subdued without much damage, and the Hilton fire laddies returned to the alleys, cheered by their Spencerport mates.

Fire at Paw Paw Lake

Paw Paw Lake, Mich.—The Lake Shore Club, a six alley establishment, was destroyed by fire here Nov. 30. It was the only bowling establishment within 10 miles.

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Old Timers

Chicago, Ill.—Over 500 old time bowlers attended the 20th annual Quarter Century Bowling tournament which was held at Bowling Lanes here Nov. 27.

Jack Samuelson, with brown derby, mustache of vast proportions and a foot long cigar, was master of ceremonies. Most of the bowlers came

Ninety year old Ted Hartman cuts his birthday cake. Others enjoying the scene are (left) Jim Tinney, Bobbie Galla and Jack Samuelson.

with beards and derby or stove pipe hats. The male employes of Bowling Lanes were decked out in pre-20th-century style, while the women kept pace with true Gay Nineties dresses, many of them the genuine thing.

Ninety year old Ted Hartman rolled 120-113-122 for 345.

Here are the various class (by age) winners:

40 & under—Ray Fliger, 566.
41 to 50—Matt Kass, 615; George Theel, 613.
51 to 60—Pete Frank, 634; Del Heck, 591.
61 to 70—Joe Fliger, 637; W. Trimble, 583.
71 & up—Art Schogren, 442.

Sweepstakes results

Ohio Five-Man Eliminations, Cleveland, O.

Gold Bond Beer, Cleveland	6062	$300
Rudy Fassl's, Cincinnati	6055	200
Stuyer Bros., Akron	6005	150
O'Neills, Akron	5951	100
Hill Tailors, Columbus	5935	90

Entries, 41; places, 12; prizes, 16; fund, $1,350.

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7th Eastern States Classic, Paterson, N.J.

Frank Okular, Hackensack, N. J.	1185	$1,000
Sam Vitola, Nutley, N. J.	1134	600
Art Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.	1118	450
Lou Jarvis, New York, N. Y.	1112	350
Tony Sparando, Woodside, N. Y.	1110	250

Entries, 387; places, 46; prizes, 88; fund, $4,835.

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St. Paul House Handicap, Shakopee, Minn.

Floyd Hanson, Minneapolis, Minn.	939	$300
Charles Klingel, Mankato, Minn.	932	200
Douglas Tiegen, Jackson, Minn.	919	100
Calvin Bucy, Minneapolis, Minn.	915	90
Lloyd Rystrom, St. Paul, Minn.	914	80

Entries, 493; places, 130; prizes, 135; fund, $2,465.

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1st Hochstadter (6 high of 8), Chicago

Frank Harsanyi, South Bend, Ind.	1257	$1,000
Elmer Carlson, Cicero, Ill.	1237	700
George White, Chicago	1232	500
Melvin Greene, Chicago	1231	350
James Cash, Cleveland, Ohio	1225	300

Entries, 928; prizes, 231; places, 112; fund $9,280.

High Game Awards

The American Bowling Congress made these Awards Between Nov. 13 and Dec. 14.

Sept. 6	Earl Brosius, Chicago, Ill.	300
Oct. 13	Chris Carabello, Reading, Pa.	300
Oct. 4	W. G. Eggleston, Tacoma, Wash.	300
Oct. 31	Martin Engel, Bradford, Pa.	300
Nov. 30	Dr. D. Ewing, Kansas City, Mo.	300
Nov. 30	Vernon Keller, Decatur, Ill.	300
Nov. 25	William Komerska, Berwyn, Ill.	300
Dec. 2	George Lacore, Philadelphia, Pa.	300
Oct. 19	T. L. Mitchell, Glen Ellyn, Ill.	300
Nov. 2	Maurice Nelson, Emporia, Kans.	300
Oct. 7	Charles Onak, Harvey, Ill.	300
Oct. 28	Frank Ososkie, sr., Mt. Carmel, Pa.	300
Oct. 30	Jack Pivirotto, Detroit, Mich.	300
Sept. 15	Norbert Riedy, Milan, Ohio	300
Oct. 29	Matthew Simmons, Chicago, Ill.	300
Oct. 18	Mario Tromba, Cleveland, Ohio	300
Oct. 25	Emil Wansa, Wyandotte, Mich.	300
Oct. 25	Al Weber, Hutchinson, Kans.	300
Oct. 11	Don Woodard, Indianapolis, Ind.	300
Nov. 25	Charles Dorsey, Lancaster, Pa.	299
Oct. 17	Kenneth Hoffman, Chicago, Ill.	299
Oct. 27	John Kayatin, Marion, Ohio	299
Nov. 7	Walter Kruger, St. Louis, Mo.	299
Nov. 20	I. P. Lonier, Wadsworth, Ohio	299
Sept. 28	Joe Papp, Cleveland, Ohio	299
Nov. 1	Elmer Reckers, Cincinnati, Ohio	299
Nov. 15	Leonard Rutha, Detroit, Mich.	299
Nov. 20	Phil Schmidt, Cincinnati, Ohio	299
Nov. 25	Jack Christy, Cleveland, Ohio	298
Sept. 15	Edmund Grassl, Appleton, Wis.	298
Oct. 11	James Haberman, Buffalo, N.Y.	298
Nov. 2	Ralph Hopper, Auburn, N.Y.	298
Oct. 11	Charles O'Donnell, Detroit, Mich.	298
Oct. 6	Gerald Sorenson, Los Angeles, Calif.	298

Season's High Score Leaders

(Includes totals received at ABC office up to Dec. 14)

FIVE-MAN LEADERS

High Team Totals

●Kitay Appliance, Hackensack, N.J.	3537
*Hook Grip Five, Lodi, N.J.	3473
●Fort Pitt Beer, Pittsburgh, Pa.	3444
●E. & B. Beer, Detroit, Mich.	3363
●Stroh Bohemian Beer, Detroit, Mich.	3352

High Team Games

*Hook Grip Five, Lodi, N.J.	1236
●Montrose Beef, Luzerne, Pa.	1231
●Congress Arcade, Chicago, Ill.	1228
●E. & B. Beer, Detroit, Mich.	1220
●Gaudio Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.	1219

FOUR-MAN LEADERS

●Team #4, Bremerton, Wash.	2346
*Massey-Harris, Grand Forks, N. D.	2344
●Carbone Motors, Utica, N.Y.	896
●Team #4, Bremerton, Wash.	880

THREE-MAN LEADERS

*Luciano's Jewelers, Amsterdam, N.Y.	1982
*Stenton Mixed Tree League, Philadelphia, Pa.	1915
*Hedrick Brewing Co., Albany, N.Y.	709

TWO-MAN LEADERS

●Gordon Wood-Doug Muir, Salt Lake City, Utah	1360
*Al Pastar-Joe Milazzo, Hammond, Ind.	1357
●Gordon Wood-Doug Muir, Salt Lake City, Utah	474

HIGH INDIVIDUAL THREE-GAME TOTALS

●Walt Gravatt, Paterson, N.J.	822
*Benny Visan, Cleveland, Ohio	799
*Ed. Easter, Detroit, Mich.	791
*John King, Cleveland, Ohio	789
*Louis Meyers, Erie, Pa.	782
*Jim Thurmond, Phoenix, Ariz.	779
*Gus Firmature, Omaha, Nebr.	777
*Charles Horvath, Milwaukee, Wis.	776
*Charles Issleb, Chicago, Ill.	771
*James Deora, Steubenville, Ohio	769

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The National Scoreboard

Ideal Classic, Buffalo

Pos.	Team Name	H 3	HG	AV.
1	Simon Pure Beer & Ale	3192	1175	981
2	Peinkofers Builders	3066	1079	973

AVERAGES—Johnny Zack 206; Steve Czerwinski, M. Schisler 200; Vic Hermann, W. Miller, W. Ouchie, S. Luczak 197.

NOTES—Simon Pure Beer & Ale team created 2 season's records on Dec. 5 with 3192 and 1175, Lou Raymond hit 279 for 683 . . . Johnny Zack shot 246 for 666.

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Amherst Classic, Buffalo

1	Simon Pure Beer & Ale	3233	1158	1013

AVERAGES—John Zack 206; Steve Czerwinski 205; T. Miller, Vic Hermann, Adams, 203; Lou Raymond 202; Ouchie 201; DeFiglia, Korber, Oates, 200.

NOTES—Miller's 701 is top three—Oates hit 290 recently for season record.

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Columbus All-Star

1	Whistle	3092	1056	954
4	R. J. Dienst Co.	3070	1110	928
5	Clark Grave Vault Co.	3102	1090	955

AVERAGES—Fred Lerch 204; Bob Rothfus, John Maher 196.

NOTES—Bob Rothfus bounced season's high, 717, on Dec. 5. . . . Dick Reitter's 278 game nosed out Maher's 277 for record.

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Linsz All Star, Cleveland

1	Linsz Recreation	3131	1109	1007
6	Rudy's Lanes	3215	1139	972
10	Parma Lanes	3163	1179	975
2	Gold Bond Beer	3140	1130	1000

AVERAGES—Dick Bros 207; Lou Strizzi, Wm. Sopko 206; Chas. Breudigan, Norm Gehring, Ben Visan, Jack Christy, Bill Balogh 203; Willis Ebosh, Joe Palladino, Joe Petro 202; A. Vogel, Joe Felice 201; Pete Nusser, F. Sospirato, Jack Breit, H. Smith, Tony Pompei 200.

NOTES—Rudy's Lanes broke the season's record Dec. 7 with 3215 . . . three new members of the 5-7-10 club: Joe Perzel, Bill Planty and Frank Leibold, all on Dec. 7

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St. Louis All-Star

1	Reinke Wallpaper & Paint	3109	1100	954
3	Dowd Sporting Goods	3127	1132	940

AVERAGES—Pat Patterson, Bud Wacker, Ray Bluth, Norm Kelpe 194.

NOTES—Everybody slow in getting started this season. . . . High three is Wacker's 705 and Vic Bliss' 277 game.

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The 205 Club

The following are bowlers with better than 205 average who are in leagues not shown in "The National Scoreboard." League secretaries must mail them to BOWLING Magazine before the 10th of the month before publication:

Louis Meyer, Erie, Pa., Classic	219
Eddie Boroski, Major Tenpin league, Johnston, Pa.	210
Mike Shimko, Roth Classic, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	209
Bob Nippa, Ward's Major Classic, Detroit	209
Perry Santilli, Philadelphia Major	208
Frank Dunkel, West Side Classic, Detroit	207
Chuck Burdette, Classic League, Canal Zone	206
Bill Schlicker, Detroit	206
Dr. Ed Pugia, BPA Traveling league, Detroit	206
Harry Zoeller, Roth Classic, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	205
Joe Smolen, ABC Office league, Milwaukee	205

Skang's Major, Cleveland

1	Stone's Grill No. 48	3283	1140	986
3	Conway & Jalovec	3112	1141	975

AVERAGES—Walter Ward 207; Skang Mercurio, Howard Breit, Bill 202; Norm Gehring 199; Al Stofcho 198.

NOTES—Skang Mercurio, owner, staging great comeback. Rolled 300 on Nov. 28. Shot 700 with Charley Lausche's 702 for 1402 in Central States. Skang followed with 704 in singles, 2nd place in all events with 2060.

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Michigan Major, Detroit

1	E & B Beer	3363	1220	1027
2	Pepsi Cola	3127	1170	991

AVERAGES—Therman Gibson, Lou Sielaff 208; Vince Mikiel 206; Steve Morris 205; Fred Bujack 204; Herb Case, Ben Loch, Hank Gavie 203; Emil Wansa, Bill Bunnetta, Chet Bukowski 201.

NOTES—On Nov. 16, E & B rolled 3360, 3 pins below their season's high. Their 1220 became a new record, 20 pins short of the all time high for the league.

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Greater Detroit All-Star Classic

1	Stroh's Bohemian Beer	3352	1189	1007
2	E & B Beer	3258	1102	1001

AVERAGES—Dale Ward 209; Bill Williams, Fred Bujack 207; Harold Asplund 205; Ed Lubanski 203; Hank Gniewik, Cy Goralczak, Syl Thiel, John Crimmins 202; Chas. Davidson, Therm Gibson, Ed Easter, Tony Lindeman 201; Ed Knecht, Lee Jouglard, C. Carter, Buzz Fazio, Chuck O'Donnell, Vince Mikiel, Marv Young 200.

NOTES—E & B team postponed matches during their struggle with Tavern Pales, will be back on the beam again soon.

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Motor City All-Star, Detroit

1	Stroh's Bohemian Beer	3334	1121	1020
2	Glitter-Glaze	3154	1160	1000

AVERAGES—Ed Lubanski 209; Hal Asplund, Art Houtteman 207; Cy Goralczyk, Buzz Fazio 205; Arch Jankowski, Pete Carter 204; Chet Slicey, Carl Schwikert 203; Earl Dimitrie, Dale Ward, Joe Anglirl, Lee Jouglard 202; Erwin Nagel, Bill Williams, Bob Crawford, John Crimmins 201; Dan Jewell, Tom Rooney, Frank Franz, Pete Rossman, Steve Dutko, Jack Minietto, Frank Zion, Al Desson, Gil Reppenhagen 200.

NOTES—Pete Rossman's 746 series and 289 game are new season's highs. . . . Lubanski, minor league baseball player, shot to top of standings with a 705 on Nov. 30.

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Detroit Times All-Star

1	Stroh Bohemian Beer	3140	1118	1000
2	E & B Beer	3258	1143	1020
5	Blatz Beer	3324	1178	968

AVERAGES—Fred Kallie 218; Fred Bujack 210; Ed Easter, Chuck O'Donnell 205; Hal Asplund 204; Syl Thiel 203; Lee Jouglard, Wm. Bunetta, Lou Sielaff, Ed Lubanski 202; Hank Gavie, Bill Williams 201; Dale Ward, Tony Lindeman, Buzz Fazio 200.

NOTES—Bowling critics are trying to figure out how E & B with a 1020 average can be in 2nd while the Strohs with 1000 is in 1st.

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Fox-Hunt Classic, Indianapolis

1	Delaware Bowling Center	2948	1081	937
4	Yaver Men's Shop	3065	1080	938
3	Marott Shoes	2967	1099	946

AVERAGES—Harry Wheeler 202; Paul Field 196; Oscar Behrens 195.

NOTES—Members of "When - Nothing - Goes - Right" club: Bob Carnagua 114; Fred Estle 116. . . . John Murphy, 1936 ABC all events champ, proud father of a boy-bowler (he hopes) . . . Murphy's 278 is high game . . . Dick Weber's 693 is record.

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Indianapolis Bowling League

1	Mechanics Laundry	3098	1104	959
2	Yaver Men's Shop	3087	1100	973
6	Bowes Seal Fast	3193	1150	952

AVERAGES—Dick Weber 204; Evan Stuart 202; Ed Huck, Mark Pierson 200.

NOTES—Ed Huck's 708 is a new high 3 but Bill Lane's 277 is still best game . . . Bill Blyth had a 190 triplicate.

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Metropolitan Classic, St. Louis

1	BowlMor Lanes	3173	1104	973
4	Vendeen	3036	1118	928

AVERAGES—E. Wacker 209; P. Patterson 201.

NOTES—D. Porter has high game, 290, while the veteran Buzz Tonkovic is boss with a 723 series.

Indianapolis Star Traveling League

1	Yaver Men's Shop	3077	1104	961
3	Delaware Bowling Center	3043	1095	949

AVERAGES—Curt Heady 201; Ed Huck, Bob Carnagua 200.

NOTES—Curt Heady won match title, averaging 198 for 64 . . . Bob Kays set new high three, 715, across 6 beds . . . Fred Schleimer has a new 288 for high game . . . 11 games between 1st and last place (12 teams). This league averaged 963 per game recently.

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Greater Los Angeles All-Star

1	Brunswick Mineralites	3093	1083	948
2	Acme Beer	3132	1126	947

AVERAGES—Glen Allison 202; Bill Von Henkle 201; Jerry Morisette 200.

NOTES—Bill Myers, southpaw, set season high 3 Nov. 27 with 720 . . . After a long drought the boys rolled 20 600's at Alhambra Bowl on Dec. 4.

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South-West Major, Los Angeles

1	Chas. Bragg Insurance	3322	1145	993

AVERAGES—Elmer Davis 206; Jeep Jeppson, Al Tobes 205; Chas. Carfi 204; Glen Allison, Jim Bournique, Jerry Morisette 203; Paul Duniven 202; Bill Von Henkle 201; Chuck Selfridge, Ralph Smith 200.

NOTES—Everybody here glad over Ralph Smith's second place in the All Star at Chicago. He's one of those modest fellows, liked much by his league mates.

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Greater Milwaukee All-Star (Thursday Division)

1	Niemann Sons	3343	1194	1009
2	Husting Prints	3226	1116	1004
3	Knudten Bros. Paints	3157	1104	1001

AVERAGES—Ray Schanen 213; Andy Grille 209; Les Strachota 208; Billy Sixty 207; Rudy Pugel 205; Bill Silberman, Walt Jahnke 204; Ed Harris, Hilla Kallas 203; Elmer Koch, H. Huebner, John Strobel 202; Chas. Horvath, Al McFadden 201.

NOTES—Ad Unke, ABC singles champion in 1929, has replaced Allie Rogahn on Clark Super Gas team. Rogahn forced to quit because of illness. Knudtens lead Nieman's by 1 game in Tuesday division.

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City Open, Milwaukee

1	Hamm's Beer	3153	1105	956
2	Oriental Alleys	3119	1114	990
11	Husting Printing Co.	3282	1145	954

AVERAGES—Geo. Baier 207; Walt Schroeder 202; Stan Lawetzke 201; John Strobel, Hal Sommers, Ad Unke, Andy Grilli, Chas. Horvath 200.

NOTES—Horvath set Wisconsin season record with 776 on Nov. 28, had a 298 game . . . Geo. Baier, ABC doubles champ in 1942, opened season with 14 straight 600's. A 538 stopped him.

Minneapolis All-Star

1	Goodin Company	3090	1092	971
2	Mitby Sather Furniture	3257	1150	984

AVERAGES—Sid Southard 209; Al Melancon 205; Soup Turgeon 204; Larry Mammen 200.

NOTES—League organized in 1945 and has been in different establishments annually with exception of this year when it returned to Lincoln Lanes and is enjoying its best season. . . . Goodin team has won every title.

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New Jersey Major, Newark

1	Mission Bell Wines	3240	1115	998
1	Harry Rich and Company	3155	1101	996
7	Red Devil Tools	3174	1121	964

AVERAGES—Al Faragalli 211; Marty Cassio 207; Tony Sparando, Stan Slomenski 204; Dom Suraci, Tony Veglia 203; Carmine Cuozzo 201; Lou Campi, Sid Baum, Marty Marino 200.

NOTES—Mission Bell Wines and Harry Rich & Co. have been tied for first for a long time. . . . Nine members of league took part in Chicago eliminations of All Star. . . . Red Devil Tools won last 13 out of 15 games, averaging 1020 over this span. . . . Carmine Cuozzo was their sparkplug with seven 600's in a row including a 738 and a 299 game.

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Metropolitan Major, Pittsburgh

Pos.	Team	H 3	HG	AV.
1	Keystone Abrasive	3115	1072	951
2	Fort Pitt Special Beer	3444	1196	1027
3	Westinghouse A. A.	3269	1145	1012
4	Duquesne Pilsener	3210	1152	1004

AVERAGES—Frank Chismar 218; Lee Hamilton 216; J. Borasso 211; C. Desty 210; J. Kokula, H. Balanti 208; P. DeCarlo, P. Masley, J. Schoen 203; H. Guest 202; F. Poliak 201; E. Soens, W. Bauer, J. Stewart, R. Novotny, A. Colbert 200.

NOTES—The veteran Lee Hamilton's 279 game and 753 are the high individual records of the year. . . . This league is 52 years old, hasn't missed a season.

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Seattle Classic

1	Sick's Raniers	3022	1160	958
2	Seattle Recreation	3042	1097	949

AVERAGES—Russ Flack 204; Harry Gambini 198.

NOTES—Sick's Raniers had a 9 game winning streak going on Nov. 16. . . . Ed Johnson, Seattle's representative in the All Star at Chicago, started with a 122 game recently, but finished with 557.

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City League, Syracuse

1	New Process Gear	3182	1100	980

AVERAGES—Vic Giromini 206; Gregg Griffo 205; Marty Piraino 204.

NOTES—Wilson Van Wie, sponsor of the Van Wie Chevrolet, rolled 246-254-207-707. . . . This is oldest league in Syracuse and rolls on 24 beds in 7 different establishments. . . . Marty Piraino, 2nd year in league, is a southpaw and has another 204 league average here.

STAR Quiz

Which is the best way to make the 2-5 and the 5-9 spares? From the left or the right?

That was the question aimed at the experts, and they are almost in accord in declaring that the ball should come from the left side of the alley.

Have you a question for them. Send it along.

Nelson Burton, St. Louis expert, answers:

I shoot them from the left in order to reduce the chance of picking a cherry. I consider reducing the possibility of a cherry pick of more importance than even accuracy.

Playing these spares from the left angle gives one a decided advantage.

Regardless of whether the ball is a backup, straight or hook ball it is angling into the two pins and not away from them.

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Bill Flesch, Chicago's wood chopper, answers this:

I play the 2-5 and 5-9 spares from the left side of the lane. The angle used will vary from time to time, depending upon how much the ball is hooking (lane condition).

I believe the left side attack is best because the angle of the ball going into the spare gives a bowler better coverage from either side of the front pin. The ball does not break sharply thus greatly reducing chances of the cherry miss.

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Paul Krumske, the little sharpshooting anchor on the Chicago Meister Brau team, does it a little bit differently:

"When I leave the 2-5 or any set up containing the 2-5 combination I try to convert it by rolling from the right.

I roll at the 5-9 from the left side.

My theory of spare shooting is to use as much of the alley bed and as great an angle as possible.

The fact that the 2-5 is on the left is the reason I roll from the right side. I use the 8-pin as a guide.

Those bowlers who have a sharp breaking hook and who pick a lot of cherries from this angle should move over to the left. My hook is the short type.

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Tony Sparando, Woodside (N.Y.) pocket shooter, declares that there isn't any doubt in his mind about how to shoot these tricky spares. He writes:

From experience I've observed that I have reduced the possibility of picking cherries by rolling from the left.

A lot of bowlers moan that it's harder to hit from the left side. Yet, these fellows shoot the 6-10 from the same angle as I do when I go for the 2-5 and the 5-9. What's the difference?

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Joe Wilman, the Berwyn (Ill.) Bomber, who is one of the best spare shooters among the stars, says:

I shoot the 2-5 and the 5-9 from the left.

I roll a hook ball and by shooting at them from the left I minimize the possibility of a cherry pick. Your ball will not hook as much on the alley when rolled from the left as it does when rolled from the right. Therefore when shooting from the left, all you have to concentrate on is the front pin of the setup.

If you are afraid of picking a cherry, three times out of four you will steer the ball for just that.

I have a lot of confidence in shooting at those spares from the left side, but if I tried it from the right I would worry about getting a cherry pick all the time.

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Buddy Bomar, the Chicago star who emigrated from Texas a few years ago, has his opinions:

When shooting spares such as the 2-5 and the 5-9 or any spare where the front pin is on the left, I always have bowled from the left side so as to cut down the possibilities of chopping through and leaving the back pin.

When shooting these spares from the right side of the alley the space between the pins becomes wider because of the angle that is used.

From the left side of the alley the ball is going directly in and you have lessened your chances of chopping the front pin by approximately 50%.

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Joe Norris, Detroit's great star who is living and bowling in Chicago, presents a clear cut case for left side attack:

Everybody knows that you should try to hit as many pins as possible with your ball.

Shooting from the left, you naturally send your ball parallel to the face of these spares, thus touching both pins with your ball.

The pin spots and the pins are of such dimensions that it is possible for a ball, coming from the right and headed directly into the face of these spares, to go through the front pin, knock it straight ahead of the path of the ball and miss the back pin.

That is a cherry. Its possibility can be reduced better than 50%.

Scoreboard

(*Continued from page 30*)

City Bowling League, Syracuse, N.Y.

1—American Bowling & Billiards	2979	1039	942
2—New Process Gear	3182	1110	985

AVERAGES—Greg Griffo 207; Vic Giromini 204; Marty Piraino 201.

NOTES—Griffo's last 8 were 677, 666, 617, 558, 640, 652, 663 and 607 . . . Wilson Van Wie's last two: 698 and 707; his average, 190 . . . New Process Gear led until Dec. 5 when American passed them.

San Francisco Invitational

1—Western Ice Company	2876	1025	933
4—Moffat's Mateca Beef	3013	1073	934
2—Hamm's Beer	2937	1074	928

AVERAGES—Billy Mack 202; Gus Deutsch 197; Bill Kratter 196; Milan Zlokovich 195.

NOTES—Bill Kratter established new league record with 4 errors in 33 games . . . 3 Little Swiss team won its first league series from 1st place Western Ice team when it took the 36th game.

North End Traveling, Chicago

1—Blatz Beer	3235	1119	1036
3—Keeley Half & Half	3349	1197	1025
5—Embassy Club Beer	3190	1156	1002
9—Congress Arcade	3230	1228	978

AVERAGES—J. Kennedy 212; Geo. Pickering, Matt Simmons, Carl Winterberg 209; Sam Saric 208; I. Frank 207; Herb Freitag 206; Paul Marian, Garner Wells, Adam Plunge 205; Tony Gardine, S. Witkowski 204; A. Dolik 202; Les Kilbourne, Pete Nadian 201; W. Plambeck, Joe Traubenik, J. Mkety, Jack Scott 200.

NOTES—Gabby Hartnett "benched" his anchor man and put himself in and is doing all right for himself.

Randolph League, Chicago

1—Mineralite	3163	1061	996
2—Keeley Half & Half	3093	1085	997

AVERAGES—Joe Norris 214; Geo. Pickering 210; Fred Fikes 208; Ad Carlson 203; Sam Saric 202; Don Pinc, Paul Marain, Harry Heermans, Joe Harris 200.

NOTES—Mineralites broke team high Dec. 15. , , , For the second year in a row Adolph Carlson, former national match champion two decades ago, won the bowling ball annual prize with a 259. He will have it auctioned off and will give the proceeds to the Randolph league's charity fund (last year his ball netted $40). Rudy Hazucha, league's best 3-rail player, bowled a Dutch 200.

Chicago Classic (Tuesday Division)

1—Tavern Pale	3337	1194	1038
2—Meister Brau	3211	1121	1012
3—Monarch Beer	3181	1141	1002
4—Washington Shirts	3219	1080	1002

AVERAGES—Kawolics, Bomar 212; Robinson, McMahon 211; Krumske, Earl Brosius 209; Norris 206; Flesch, Katsalis, Wells, Day 205; Plamsbeck, Kristoff, Ledene 203; Petersen, Lippe, Butler, Berger 202; Supple, Wilman 200.

NOTES—The Nordic Hills team of five youngsters, whose average age is 22 and whose team average is only 968, climbed to within one game of first place when they trounced Tavern Pale 2 games Dec. 13, losing the other one by only 20 pins.

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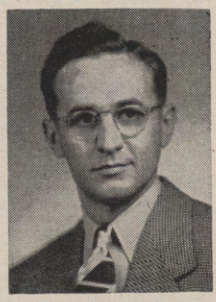
KNOTTY PROBLEMS

By Albert R. Matzelle

Manager, Rules Interpretation Dept.

SITUATION: A few months ago I stated in this column that the number of bowling alley owners and alley employes on a team was not restricted. Recently a Chicago bowler asked whether this meant these people were entitled to the same consideration as other bowlers in qualifying for prize awards.

SOLUTION: Not quite. The rules of the Congress expressly prohibit a bowling alley owner or his employes from receiving any individual or all events prize money in a tournament held in the establishment with which they are associated. An exception is made only in the case of city or state championship tournaments or in league play if the majority of its members so decide. (Rule 24, ABC General Rules.)



A. R. Matzelle

SITUATION: The ABC rule requiring tie games to be decided on first frame scores in the next game of the series (final game ties decided by bowling an extra frame) has proved troublesome in leagues in New Jersey and Ohio, where line-ups are not constant for all three games of the series. These leagues want to know if the same five men must bowl in the frame or frames of the following game to decide the tie.

SOLUTION: The rule DOES NOT require that the identical line-up be used when a tie game is being decided on scores bowled in the first frame of the next frame. A team captain is permitted to insert substitute players during a game, and he may also revise his line-up at the start of each game. He could not be required to maintain the same line-up simply because the preceding game had ended in a tie. In handicap leagues, it is important to adjust the prorated handicap in the first frame if the change in line-up affects the amount of handicap for the team in that game. (Rules 11 & 17, ABC League Rules)

Petersen Is Honored at Testimonial Dinner

Chicago, Ill.—Over 200 friends of Louis P. Petersen, producer of the famous Petersen Classic, the richest individual bowling tournament in the nation, paid him honor in a testimonial banquet at the Northwest Armory Dec. 7. About 50 speakers participated in a snappy program, with much humor dispensed freely.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The John & George's Tap team won 23 consecutive victories in Rausche's 800 league before their string was snapped Dec. 5.

Fond du Lac Tries ABC Experiment

Fond du Lac, Wis.—The bowlers of this city of 30,000 have been selected for two unusual honors this season.

First, Fond du Lac will be host to the 48th annual Wisconsin State Bowling tournament, an affair which is likely to draw 3,000 or more teams.

Second, the American Bowling Congress selected Fond du Lac as a field test spot for its proposed "individual membership plan."

The Fond du Lac Bowling association was started in 1905 and has been a member of the ABC for the past 30 seasons. Between 1905 and 1909 it was in and out of the Congress several times.

The individual membership plan was no mystery to Fond du Lac because bowlers there have been using it for a number of seasons.

"We accepted the material furnished by the ABC and went to work," said Secretary L. H. Shirey.

"With a few leagues to go, we are within striking distance of last year's mark of 460 teams. As of Dec. 1 we had 438. We expect to have a few teams over 490."

President William Schwefel presented statistics about previous years under the individual membership plan, started in Fond duc Lac in 1932:

Season	Teams	Bowlers	Average Per Team
1946-47	396	2144	5.41 men
1947-48	480	2667	5.55
1948-49	460	2592	5.63
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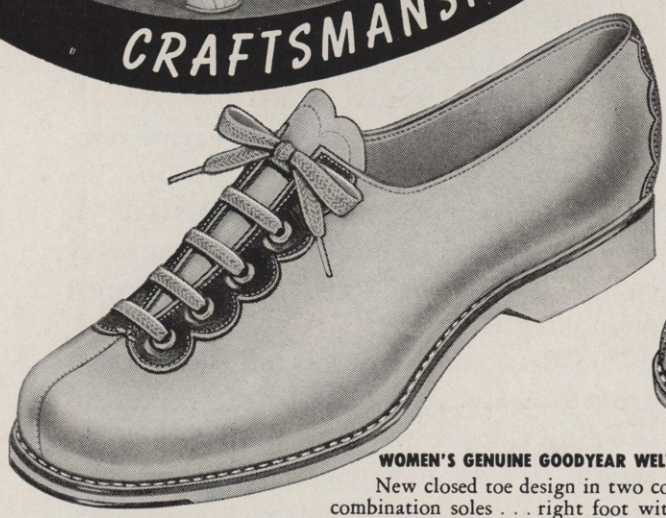

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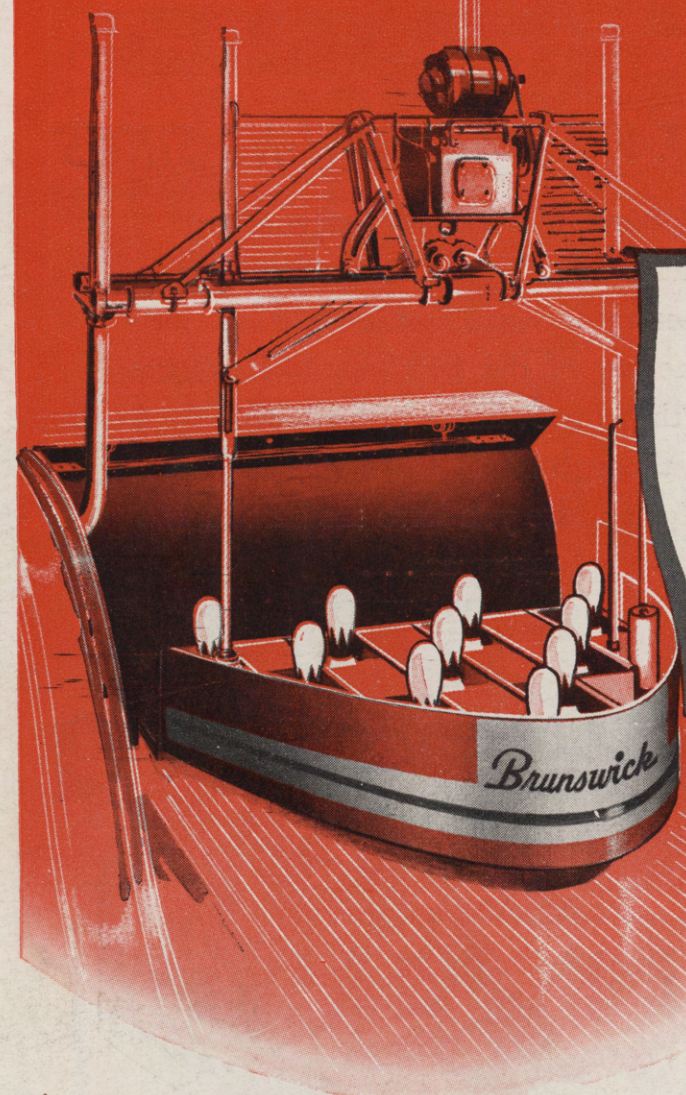

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